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## FAR EASTERN DISPUTE DISCUSSED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

### GEN. CHIANG CAUSES SENSATION

### LEAVES SHANGHAI ON EVE OF CONFERENCE

RUMOURS THAT 19th ARMY DO NOT DESIRE PEACE.

### ELEVENTH HOUR APPOINTMENT

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

A sensation was created when a bulletin of the 19th Route Army announced that General Chiang Kuang-nai, the Chief Commander and the principal military delegate at the first formal peace conference, had suddenly left Shanghai, and did not intend to attend the meeting.

Wild speculation was caused in Chinese circles, where it was rumoured that the disagreement of the Chinese diplomatic and military authorities over peace negotiations, and Chiang's refusal to represent China militarily, is interpreted as a sign that the 19th Army is unwilling to talk peace with the Japanese.

The Government, at the eleventh hour, appointed General Tai Chi, the Shanghai and Wusung Garrison Commissioner, as chief delegate rather than risk a postponement to the conference.

### CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The first formal Peace Conference, scheduled to take place this morning, has been postponed till to-morrow, apparently because China has not yet designated her chief military delegate.

General Chiang Kwang-nai, who was previously mentioned for the post, suddenly left for the front yesterday morning.

It is expected in local Chinese circles that General Gaston Wang, the Chief-of-Staff of the 19th Army, may be appointed as China's military delegate.

### MANCHURIAN PEACE LYTTON COMMISSION VITAL.

National Defence of Japan.

### STRENGTH REINFORCED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Declaring that the situation in Manchuria was still far from easy and requires constant vigilance, the Minister for War, in a speech to the Diet this afternoon, asserted that:

"Peace in Manchuria from the standpoint of national defence is vital for Japan and therefore it is necessary that the present strength of Japanese troops there is maintained and, if possible, reinforced. This point is now being studied by the authorities."

Three Divisions Maintained.

Tokyo, Later.

Mr. Araki, the Minister for War, reviewed in his speech the development of the military operations both in Manchuria and Shanghai.

He solemnly declared that the magnitude and profundity of the questions involved rendered the situation "even more serious for Japan than the Russo-Japanese War, in certain respects."

Close observers interpret his

### LYTTON COMMISSION TO SEPARATE.

Visiting Hangchow and Nanking.

### YESTERDAY'S INTERVIEWS.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The members of the Lytton Commission will leave Shanghai on Saturday for the Interior, in two sections.

The exact itinerary of each of the two sections is as yet unknown. One will proceed by train to Hangchow, reaching Nanking on Sunday, while the other will proceed up the river by Customs launch for conversations with the Nanking Government on Monday morning.

Yesterday's interviews, held separately with Chinese and Japanese business men, were chiefly concerned with economic conditions and trade in Manchuria.

To-night Mr. Shigemitsu is giving a dinner to the members of the Commission.

emphasis of the necessity for maintaining at least the present strength of troops in Manchuria as foreshadowing the permanent stationing of about three divisions in Manchuria. Instead of only one as prior to September 18, last year.

### BRITISH POLICY OUTLINED BY SIR JOHN SIMON

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LEAGUE SATISFACTORY REPORTS OF JAPANESE WITHDRAWALS

SETTLEMENT OF SINO-JAPANESE DISPUTE NOT SOUGHT BY MILITARY PRESSURE.

London, Yesterday.

The Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury initiated the debate on the Far Eastern dispute for the purpose of ascertaining the policy of the Government and said that months had passed with very little progress having been made towards a settlement. He also enquired as to the Government's views concerning the Disarmament Conference.

Although he recognised Japan's position and her inability to find a sufficient market, he considered that Japan had blundered in China, and that all countries must be thankful for the stand the United States had taken in conjunction with the League.

League's Attitude.

He then asked Sir John Simon what the League proposed to do to eject the Japanese from Manchuria, and also concerning the Japanese communication relating to Manchurian Customs, and requested Sir John to pay attention to the fact that such action by the Japanese Government was contrary to British interests, the League Covenant, and the Washington Treaty.

Sir Austen Chamberlain re-

cognised the powerful influence which Sir John Simon exercised on the Councils of the League in bringing together nations, which from the outset were widely divided, and he deprecated the use of hard words against Japan. Hard words never settled international controversies.

He deprecated the Rt. Hon. Lansbury's suggestion that, if trouble broke out in the Settlement, British nationals should be evacuated owing to the serious consequences. Such a step, which would destroy the whole of our trade with China and deprive us of any influence in the Councils of Asiatic Powers, would stamp us as people who forgot traditions and were neither willing to help the needy nor to protect our own people when in danger.

Desire for China's Prosperity.

He hoped that nothing would be done to prevent the full restoration of the old Anglo-Japanese friendship. As regards China we had no territorial ambitions there or elsewhere, only desiring to see China strong and prosperous.

Japanese Withdrawals.

Sir John Simon announced that the Japanese Ambassador had informed him that orders had been given for the withdrawal of the greater part of the Japanese warships and some land forces from Shanghai and added that preliminary peace discussions had been reported to have closed satisfactorily and a formal conference was to be held on March 23. (Cheers.)

Sir John enumerated the Japanese naval forces in Chinese waters and said that Japan was reducing her naval forces to something not much greater than at normal times.

Satisfactory News.

He said that he was very far from saying that the news was encouraging, but it was the same thing as having secured the final arrangements, which would be necessary before this part of the Far Eastern trouble could be terminated as far as the definite cessation of hostilities was concerned.

He agreed that it was not only a thing to be still considered, but it was a definite and satisfactory piece of news.

Holding the Scales Fairly.

Sir John declared, "we have done our utmost, with the invaluable assistance of our diplomatic, consular, naval, and military representatives on the spot, to hold the scales fairly and to carry out the League principles, and we have earnestly tried and co-operated with the other Powers in Shanghai when no advantage would have been gained by our taking up a special position of priority of action."

United States Co-operating.

He further said that the House of Commons was entitled to feel

### ANOTHER DARTMOOR SENSATION

Witnesses for Defence Maltreated.

### GUARDS DOUBLED.

Defending Counsel's Accusation.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

Sensational questions concerning yesterday's incidents at Dartmoor were asked when warders gave evidence on the fourth day's hearing of the Dartmoor charges to-day.

Mr. James, the defending counsel, asked a warder whether he knew if two men, who will be called for the defence, were dragged to the cells yesterday with heads bleeding. Mr. James suggested that according to his instruction some defence witnesses had been interfered with.

As a heavy mist hung over Dartmoor to-day the convicts' escort was greatly strengthened. Before the lorries came new convicts, could be heard singing lustily such songs as "Pack Up Your Troubles," and "Tipperary."

satisfaction that, after what seemed unhappily a long wait, we have at last reached a point when we are able to say that the United States are joining with ourselves and the other great Powers interested in the Far East in endeavouring to promote the great purposes common to the League Covenant and the Pact of Paris.

Danger of Hostile.

He added that he did not wish, however, to speak too hopefully, for one learned from Rudyard Kipling of the dangers lying in wait for anybody who tried to hustle in the East, but the latest news was quite definitely encouraging.

The Customs Question.

Referring to the question of the preservation of the Chinese Customs Administration in Manchuria, Sir John said that the arrangements made for the transmission of Customs Duties to a paid foreign loan service could equally, as far as he knew, be made in Manchuria.

As far as he knew nobody attempted to dispossess the present authorities there and certainly we should take, as other countries would, the gravest and most serious notice of any suggestion that the Customs service in China was going to be so dealt with, so as to interfere prejudicially with the undoubted rights that various foreign interests had over the Customs with payment by loans.

The New State in Manchuria.

Sir John, in referring to the suggestion that the new State of Manchuria was established by Japan, said that no one was entitled to say that as an accepted fact, except on the principle that one was entitled to pass judgment without enquiry and in the face of a denial.

He pointed out that the Japanese Government had declared that it was no more likely to recognise the new administration than the other countries, and does not admit that it is the administration which she had set up. He (Sir John) would not say anything one way or the other, as it would not do to accept as gospel any information which was prejudicial to one side, and refuse to wait for enquiry. They must await the report of the League Commission.

The new administration was not one which he should think any country was likely prematurely to recognise, for nobody recognised any Government which is established under such circumstances without the fullest enquiry of the circumstances, and without being satisfied that it was a responsible Government which could really administer the territory and enter into relations with Foreign Powers, and was a genuine expression of the decision of the inhabitants.

League's Activities.

In summing up the achievements of the League Sir John claimed that proceedings in Geneva during the past few months had showed that members had loyally and effectively supported the principle of the League, and the duty of every Foreign Secretary to conduct matters so as not to involve his

### CAPTAIN BAHNSON ELECTED

### SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

SURPRISING DEFEATS OF MR. HUGHES AND MR. CARNEY.

### JAPANESE HEAD THE POLL

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

For the first time in the Municipal history of Shanghai a representative of a continental country other than Germany was elected to a seat in the Municipal Council in the person of Captain Bahnsen, Manager of the Great Northern Telegraphs. This is the first time since 1914 that a European, other than of British nationality, has secured a place.

Prior, and even during the early days, to the Great War the Germany community was represented by Mr. Figge, Manager of the German Bank, until the latter resigned his seat.

This year's elections resulted in a dual upset inasmuch as Mr. Hughes (British), Mr. Carney (American), both retiring councillors, were unexpectedly defeated.

Mr. Fukushima, one of the two Japanese candidates who headed the poll, expressed gratification that he still retained the confidence of the Electorate and voiced his regret at the defeat of Mr. Carney as it was understood that Japanese voters intended balloting in favour of two American candidates, but only Mr. Raven was returned, which was a particular pity because at this time all nations must maintain a solid front and face the present crisis.

It is the informed opinion that the election of Capt. Bahnsen was due to a strong desire to make the Council more representative of all communities.

### JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Political Interests in Manchuria.

### ECONOMIC IN CHINA.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Mr. Yoshizawa, addressing the Diet on Japan's foreign policy this afternoon, declared that it was while the Japanese marines were moving in to their positions, in accordance with the general plan for the defence of the International Settlement at Shanghai, that they were fired on by the Chinese.

He denied that it was the Japanese marines who started the trouble. Referring to Manchuria he said that the efforts of local leaders to maintain peace after the fall of the Manchurian Government gradually assumed the nature of a movement for autonomy, and that a declaration of Independence was later made.

He said he was certain it would be in the best interests of the new State if it respected the existing treaties and the rights and interests of foreigners and to adhere faithfully to the principle of the Open Door.

He said that Japan's interests in Manchuria were mainly political, whereas in China they were mainly economic, and that it would be better if the

### AMERICANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR SEATS.

Shanghai Municipal Elections.

### FIVE BRITONS RETURNED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The chief surprise in the Shanghai Municipal Elections to-day was that the Americans lost one of their two seats, Mr. Carney not being returned.

The polling took place yesterday and to-day when the following were elected:—

	Votes.
Mr. Fukushima (Japanese)	1218
Mr. Okamoto (Japanese)	1210
Mr. H. E. Arnold (British)	1182
Mr. A. B. Ball (British)	888
Mr. N. Leslie (British)	885
Mr. Raven (American)	882
Mr. F. W. Massey (British)	846
Capt. J. J. Bahnsen (Danish)	843
Mr. H. D. F. Beith (British)	840
The unselected candidates were:	
Mr. Carney (784).	Mr. A. J. Hughes (688) Mr. A. de C. Sowerby (418).
Mr. A. M. Cannon (880).	Mr. G. E. Marden (884) and Mr. H. M. Cummins (244).

National Government abandoned its anti-Japanese policy and directed its energies towards achieving internal unity and peace. There would be no room to doubt the possibility of restoring complete friendship and accord between the two countries.







## ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

### MAIL REVIEWERS.

#### "THE SEA BAT."

Good acting, coupled with outstanding photographic achievements and a South Sea setting, make Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's film "The Sea Bat," now showing at the Star Theatre, worth while seeing. Charles Bickford and Raquel Torres head the cast, others of prominence being Nils Asther (his first talkie), John Miljan and George F. Marion.

Natives diving for sponges during the day, Voodoo dancing at night, and exciting battles with the Giant Ray (a large sea monster) form interesting features of the film.

Bickford is seen in the role of an escaped prisoner who, disguised as a clergyman, lands in the island and falls in love with Miss Torres.

### OFFICIAL SOURCES.

#### "HUCKLEBERRY FINN."

Of twenty speaking parts in the motion picture, "Huckleberry Finn," which will be shown at the King's Theatre to-morrow, four are carried by well-known juvenile players, Jackie Coogan, Milti Green, Junior Durkin and Jackie Searl, all of them continuing the roles in which they won favour in "Tom Sawyer."

Several adult players seen in "Tom Sawyer" again play the same characters in "Huckleberry Finn," the second of the Mark Twain classics to come to the screen. Clara Blandick will again hold sway over the Sawyer boys, as Aunt Polly. Jane Darwell continues as the efficient Widow Douglas. Huck Finn's guardian angel.

Two veteran actresses, Cecil Weston and Lillian Harmer were signed for the roles of Mrs. Thatcher, and a companion of Widow Douglas. Miss Weston brings an experience of thirty years on the stage and screen to her difficult character role. Miss Harmer was a prominent stage figure for seventeen years before she entered pictures.

Eugene Pallette, Oscar Apfel, Warner Richmond, Guy Oliver, Frank McEllynn, Aileen Manning and Clarence Muse have important parts.

"Huckleberry Finn" was directed by Norman Taurog, maker of the recent youngster hit, "Skippy," and of "Forbidden Adventure," the Sinclair Lewis story of young folk and their mothers. The picture was filmed at the Paramount studio in Hollywood and on location. An entire country town, of the 1850 vintage, was re-created near Hollywood as a setting for the story.

Nearly two hundred children, of assorted ages, have parts in the picture. The juvenile cast of "Huckleberry Finn" is much larger than that of either "Tom Sawyer" or "Skippy."

### FAIRBANKS' TRAVEL FILM.

Those big crowds who attended the Central Theatre within the last three days were greatly thrilled and amused when they saw Douglas Fairbanks' "Around the World in 80 Minutes" showing on the screen.

With three companions, Doug actually travelled out to strange lands in search of new thrills, and that he found them is amply verified by the record of his camera. To see the picture is actually to accompany Doug and share the fascinating adventures he found. Through China, Japan, India, Siam, Indo-

China and the Philippines went Doug and his confederates in adventure, shooting wild beasts, meeting kings, queens and celebrities, visiting sacred and historic spots, mingling with the surging tides of oriental humanity—looking always for the unusual, the extraordinary, and always finding it.

Before the magic of Doug's sense of humour, thrills give way to laughs on the least provocation. "Around the World" could well be called a comedy, one of the best of this or any other year.

The fascinating features of this film are too numerous to enumerate. Always after the first gasp of amazement, there is a succeeding flood of laughter at Doug's witty quips. Famous personages speak from the screen and there is a running flow of explanation from Doug, most of it being in a humorous vein.

To miss this film is to miss one of the finest and most sensational entertainments the screen has yet offered. It is a mixture of magic and reality which will fascinate the grown-ups and bring delight to the children as well.

### BRIAN AHERNE.

Brian Aherne looks different in his first talkie, "The W. Plan," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. He plays the part of a British officer masquerading as a German officer, which necessitates a monocle, one of those deolette haircuts, and a bumpitious little moustache. It's the kind of moustache that puts you in your place and suggests that your spelling is bad and your nose too red, and your banking account overdrawn. You know the kind! And Victor Saville, who nursed it into being, feels all the responsibility of a conscientious gardener.

During the production of this picture, Brian was caught smoking a cigarette. Victor snatched it from his mouth, with the greatest indignation. "Hi," shouted Victor, "you'll burn my moustache!" People from Birmingham are funny that way.

### NATALIE MOORHEAD.

Natalie Moorhead, one of the most notable portrayers of man-channer roles on the talking screen, avows that vamping comedians is twice as difficult as vamping the unwary heroes of straight drama.

"I laugh up my sleeve," she declared, "while putting dramatic characters under my, er... spell. That's an essential part of the characterisation."

"But when I loosed this particular form of theatrical artistry on Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey in 'Hook, Line and Sinkers,' I found it difficult to keep from laughing right out loud. On two occasions their reactions were too much for me and I really had to laugh!"

The production, a Radio Pictures' "special" comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday next.

### "TILLY OF BLOOMSBURY."

Phyllis Konstam had a remarkable tribute paid to her after the shooting of a dramatic scene in "Tilly of Bloomsbury," the Sterling Film Co., Ltd., talkie production which is showing to-day by request at the King's Theatre for one day only.

Jack Raymond, who directed the picture, is beloved amongst artistes, for his imperturbability cloaks a most kindly and tolerant understanding of human nature, and his gentle persuasiveness has the effect of getting the last ounce out of his

## SUN MOVING AWAY FROM EARTH.

### Life Extinct in One Trillion Years.

The sun is shrinking at such a rate and moving away from the earth at a speed of three feet a century, that Colonel George Cros, a well-known French astronomer, predicts that in one trillion years from now life will have disappeared from the earth and a great glacier will form over its surface.

A trillion years represents 500 times the age of the earth and is 3,000,000 times longer than the duration of humanity to the present. Colonel Cros estimates the earth to be not less than 1,400 million years old and not more than 3,400 million years and has established an estimate of 2,000,000,000 years.

The sun, he contends, is 8,000,000,000 years old and has left but a scant 15,000,000,000,000 years, in spite of the fact that the sun loses 250,000 tons of its weight a minute in radiation, which makes the daily loss in weight some 350,000,000 tons and the annual shrinkage about 127,750,000,000 tons a year.

In addition to losing its radiating power as it grows smaller, the sun is actually drawing away from the earth at the rate of one foot every 35 years. In one trillion years the sun will be one-sixth of its present distance—farther away from the earth.

That alone will be responsible for a drop in the mean temperature here on earth of 15 degrees centigrade. The reduction in weight and radiation powers of the sun will reduce the temperature on earth another 15 degrees, a total of 30 degrees centigrade or 54 degrees Fahrenheit.

Thus Summers will become Winters and the present Winters will become glacial. New York would have an average Summer temperature of 20 degrees above zero Fahrenheit, and an average Winter temperature of 23 degrees below zero. Even California would have top heat of 24 degrees in Summer and average Winters of one or two degrees above zero. The Dakotas would see average Winter temperatures of 46 degrees below zero. In the Siberian steppes life would become impossible and at Vladivostok the average temperature would never rise above zero, falling in mid-Winter to 50 below zero.

There is always some hope of relief from another source, however, for Colonel Cros believes it is possible that some of the present nebulous groups may take the form of a sun by flattening at the ends in spinning.

artistes, whether it be a comedy or a dramatic sequence.

But even his equanimity was severely shaken during a scene in "Tilly of Bloomsbury," Phyllis Konstam, who plays the part of Tilly, has invited her fiancé's rich family to her modest home where attempts to put her middle-class family into as good a light as possible go all wrong, and culminate in a dramatic scene during which she denounces her future mother-in-law for her snobbishness and patronage.

The sincere manner with which Phyllis Konstam played this scene, the fervour of her denunciation, and championing of her own poor family reached such a pitch of dramatic intensity that Jack Raymond was in constant fear that Phyllis Konstam would collapse under the emotional strain.

When the scene was eventually taken, Jack Raymond enthusiastically complimented her, and even the hard-boiled studio staff joined in the outburst of spontaneous applause.

## RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Concert.  
7.03-9 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.  
7.03-7.18 p.m.—Orchestral.  
Three Dances from Henry VIII. (German).

Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (5577).

Chanson Bohemienne (Baldi & Nussbaum).  
The Clock is Playing (Blaauw).  
Jean Lensen & His Orchestra (4741).

7.18-7.38 p.m.—Organ Solos.  
Cinderella Waltz (Pattman).  
Alice Where Art Thou? (Pattman) (DB104).

In a Persian Market (Ketelbey).  
In a Chinese Temple Garden. (Ketelbey).  
Estrellita (Ponce).  
La Golondrina (Mexican Air).  
Emil Velasco (DB85).

7.38-8 p.m.—Sea Shanties.  
Away for Rio (Carey).  
Shenandoah (Carey).

Arthur Jordan, Tenor (3568).

(a) Blow My Bully Boys, Blow.  
(b) Billy Boy (arr. Terry).

Island Shelling Song.  
Greenock Male Voice Choir (4523).

(a) Tom's Gone to Rio.  
(b) What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry).

(a) Blow the Man Down.  
(b) The Merchant Ship (arr. Terry & Shaw).

The League of Arts Choir (4593).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.05-8.42 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestral—  
La Tosca (Puccini)—Prelude Act 3.  
Milan Symphony Orchestra (5394).

Chorus—  
La Gioconda (Ponchielli)—  
Festa e Fane.  
Madame Butterfly (Puccini)—  
Humming Chorus.  
La Sena Chorus of Milan (4801).

Pianoforte Solo—  
Requiem (Mozart)—  
(R. Strauss arr. Grainger)—  
Fantasy on Love Themes.  
Percy Grainger (DB28).

Chorus—  
Lombardi (Verdi)—O Signore Che Dal Tetto Natio.  
Carmen (Bizet)—Chorus of Cigarette Girls.  
La Scala Chorus of Milan (4800).

Orchestral—  
The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini).  
Percy Pitt conducting the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9166).

Organ Solo—  
Frederica—O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar).

8.42-9 p.m.—  
Wembley Military Tattoo.  
Played the Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Capt. George Miller (9078-4).

9-10.30 p.m.—European Concert from the Studio.

Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo—  
Medley of Fox-trots & Waltzes.  
Miss Doreen Ma.

2. Song—  
(a) Lover Come Back To Me.  
(b) Pagan Love Song.  
Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano).  
Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

3. Humorous Monologue—  
The Girl On The Ferry.  
Mr. S. A. Sweet.

4. Song—  
(a) Love.  
(b) Kiss Me Goodnight.  
Miss Joan Bell (Contralto).  
Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

5. Violin Solos—Selected.  
Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma.

6. Song—  
(a) Who do You Love (From "The Love of Mike").  
(b) One Kiss.  
Miss Pamela Bell (Soprano).  
Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

7. Pianoforte Solo—  
Medley of Fox-Trots and Waltzes.  
Miss Doreen Ma.

8. Song—  
(a) It Happened in Monterey.  
(b) Old New England Moon.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

### COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

#### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

#### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Tilly of Bloomsbury."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Beau Hunks."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Madonna of Avenue A."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Sea Bat."

#### Lammerts Auction.

To-morrow—At Royal Observatory, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

#### Land Sale.

March 29—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land, at Mount Cameron, 8 p.m.

#### Home Malls.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Rawalpindi), 10.30 a.m.

#### Meetings.

To-morrow—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.

March 25—R.A.O.B. Club, Bank of China Bldg., 6 p.m.

March 29—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Bldg., 5 p.m.

March 29—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's offices, noon.

March 30—Society of St. George, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3 p.m.

March 31—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 31—Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, Des Vœux Road, noon.

April 13—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon.

Lenten Mission.

To-day—Lenten Mission, Catholic Cathedral, Glenelg, 6 p.m. Subject: "The Crowning Glory."

### TREASURE SEARCH.

#### Party of 24 Sail For Cocos Island.

Vancouver, Feb. 20.

Captain Denis Rooke, the Australian flyer, is among the party of 24 which sailed to-day to seek Captain Kidd's treasure on Cocos Island, off the coast of Columbia.

It is said that three separate lots of treasure are buried on Cocos Island, the total value being anything between £10,000,000 and £20,000,000.

Einstein had to modify his theory as the result of discoveries in the field of science during 1931.

Miss Joan Bell (Contralto).  
Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

9. Violin Solos—Selected.  
Mr. Harold Leong Accompanied by Miss Doreen Ma.

10. Humorous Monologue—  
"To Serenade Kowloon".  
Mr. S. A. Sweet.

11. Vocal Duets—  
(a) "Springtime in the Rockies."  
(b) "Till We Meet Again".  
The Misses Pamela and Joan Bell Accompanied by Mr. G. W. True.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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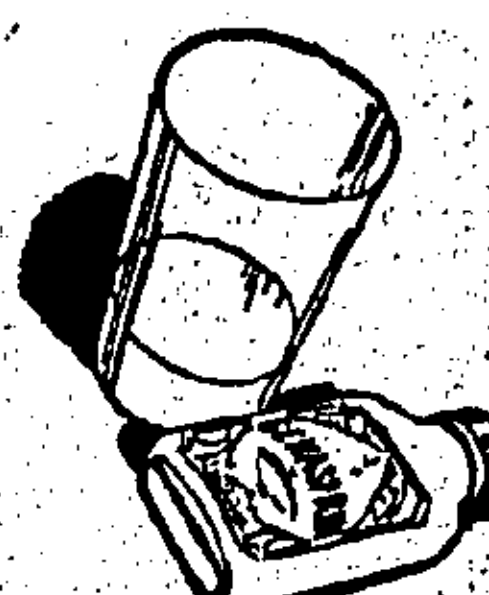
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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

HEADLEY'S DOUBLE  
CENTURY.Flogs the English  
Bowling.

Kingston (Jamaica), Feb. 20.  
All-Jamaica scored 480 for five wickets in the first day's play in the first of their three unofficial Test matches against Lord Tennyson's touring team. Jamaica owe their position to the fine sixth-wicket partnership between Headley and Passailaigue, who, coming together shortly before tea, were together when stumps were drawn, having scored almost four hundred runs between them.

A bad start was made when Bockford was caught off Geary without scoring. The game, however, underwent a complete change when Headley came in, and he and Barrow put the century up. Nunes, Rae, and Dacosta were cheaply dismissed, but at tea the score was 276 for five wickets, and on resuming Headley (157) and Passailaigue (34) carried their totals to 246 and 157 respectively. The tired English bowlers were flogged all over the field, the batsmen showing a special liking for Stevens's deliveries. Headley has hit 28 fours and Passailaigue 21 fours and three sixes.

The Englishmen are already well acquainted with Headley, as he scored three centuries and one double century in the Test matches against England in 1929-30.

Scores:—  
Jamaica—First Innings.  
W. Bockford, c Stevens, b Geary 0  
I. Barrow, c Astill, b Stevens 22  
G. Headley not out 236  
R. K. Nunes, l.b.w. b. Nichols 2  
E. Rae, b Still 16  
C. Dacosta, c Astill b Stevens 26  
C. Passailaigue not out 157  
Extras 21

Total (for 5 wkts.) 480  
—Press Association Foreign Special.

GILLIGAN ON TEST  
ELEVENS.Optimistic Regarding  
England.

Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan at the Epsom Brotherhood annual sports service said it was ridiculous of people to say that the Australians could not be beaten in Test matches. The Australians were a very fine side, but England were just as good, and he thought they were the better team taken all round. Bradman was only one player, but there were ten others, and matches were generally won by team work.

Referring to the length of Test matches, he spoke of the enormous strain on players in eight-day matches in Australia, and expressed himself in favour of five-day matches in Australia and four-day matches in England.

FOOTBALL MATCHES  
FOR SATURDAY.

Shield Finals.

The following football fixtures have been arranged for Saturday.  
Junior Shield Final—Kick-off 2.15 p.m. sharp. Extra time if necessary. Argylls or R.A.F. v. 12th Battery. Club ground.  
Referee—S. B. P. O. Holt.  
Linesmen—Lawrence and Lait.  
Senior Shield Final—Kick-off 4.15 p.m. Extra time if necessary. S.W.B. v. H.K. Club. Club ground.  
Referee—Mr. G. Caswell.  
Linesmen—P. O. Kirby and Cpl. F. V. Holland.  
1st Division—Kick-off 4.30 p.m. sharp. St. Joseph's v. Navy. Navy ground.  
Referee—J. W. Baldwin.

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES  
NARROW WIN.Diocesan Girls' School  
Defeated.

POOR C.B.A. TURN-OUT.

Fielding only eight players and without a goalkeeper, the St. Andrew's Club Ladies just managed to beat the Diocesan Girls' School eleven by the odd goal in five in a friendly hockey match yesterday afternoon. The school girls fought very pluckily, and, on the whole, gave a promising display.

The school netted first through J. Wong, P. Gittins equalising for the Saints, who gained a lead through M. Woolley before the interval. In the second half M. Woolley put the visitors further ahead, but the school decreased the deficit through C. Perpetuo. Toward the end the girls strove hard for the equaliser but the Saints defence held out.

Result:—  
St. Andrew's Ladies 3  
Diocesan Girls' School 2  
C.B.A. Ladies' Lose.

On the C.B.A. ground at King's Park, the C.B.A. Ladies lost to the German Club by four goals to one in a scrappy match. The winners fielded only eight, whilst the ladies had only seven. D. Hunt scoring the solitary point.

Big Radio Win.  
Playing with only ten men the Radio Sports Club trounced the Royal Army Ordnance Corps yesterday by five goals to nil.

## Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. on Marina ground at 5.15 p.m.  
MEETINGS—Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association in Jardine's Board Room at 5.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

ATHLETICS—King's College Sports on South China A.A. ground, Caroline Hill, at 1 p.m.

FRIDAY.

CRICKET—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. at 11 a.m. (First Day).

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v. Radio Sports Club at King's Park at 5.15 p.m.

SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. at 11 a.m. (Second Day).

RACING—Second Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

SUNDAY.

HUNTING—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet at Pine Tree Hill.

## TENNIS PROGRAMME.

TO-DAY.

Open Doubles.  
Stand Court:—Akiyama and Honda v. Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit.

Remedios and Ribeiro v. Lee and Luk.

Barros and Remedios v. Silva and Sousa.

Club Championship.  
Holmes or Green v. R. M. Henderson.

F. A. Redmond v. L. Forster.  
Handicap Singles "A".

Nash v. Valentine.  
Raworth or Forster v. Sewell.

Handicap Singles "B".  
Todd v. Nigel.

Ferguson v. Cleland.  
Handicap Doubles.

Penn and Hill v. Stubb and Scull.

TO-MORROW.

Open Singles.  
Stand Court:—S. A. Rumjahn or Yew Man-kit v. Y. Hachluma or J. A. E. Cassumbhoy.

Club Championship.  
D. M. MacDougall v. Y. V. Segalen.

Green or Raworth v. Henderson.  
Handicap Singles "A".

Rallion v. T. J. Price.  
Handicap Singles "B".

Lawson v. Stock or Beck.  
Handicap Doubles.

Nigel and Watson v. Childs and Brooks.

Handicap Mixed Double.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawson v. Gordon and Miss Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood v. Grimbles and Miss Hancock.

M. W. LO SURMOUNTS  
STIFF HURDLE.Sullivan Eliminated  
by Ho Ka-lau.

The following were the results of yesterday's play in the Lawn Tennis Championships:—

Open Singles.

M. W. Lo beat J. W. Leonard 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Ho Ka-lau beat A. L. Sullivan 6-4, 6-3.

Ng Sze-cheong beat W. C. Hung 6-1, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A".

G. W. Sewell beat L. M. S. Lloyd 6-2, 6-2.

A. C. I. Bowker beat R. M. Henderson w.o.

INDIAN HOCKEY  
ELEVEN.To Defend Title at  
Los Angeles.

Calcutta, Mar. 13.

It is officially stated that L. Cpl. Naik Dhyani Chand, India's hockey wizard, will lead the Indian team to defend the world's hockey title at Los Angeles.

The following have been selected to make the trip:—R. J. Allen (Bengal), Hind (Punjab), Lal Shah (Punjab), Jaffer (Punjab) E. Pinniger (Punjab), Gurmit Singh (Punjab), Dhyani Chand (Indian Army), L. C. Hammond (United Provinces), Masood (Punjab), Aslam (Punjab), C. Tapsell (Bengal), R. Carr (Bihar), W. Sullivan (Bombay) and B. Rewin (Bombay).

The team is not India's strongest but it should be able to account for U.S.A. and France, who are the only other competitors.

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Thanks to their sturdy resistance against more famous teams, they played in all before 116,966 spectators, and shared in receipts amounting to the tidy little sum of £7,344.

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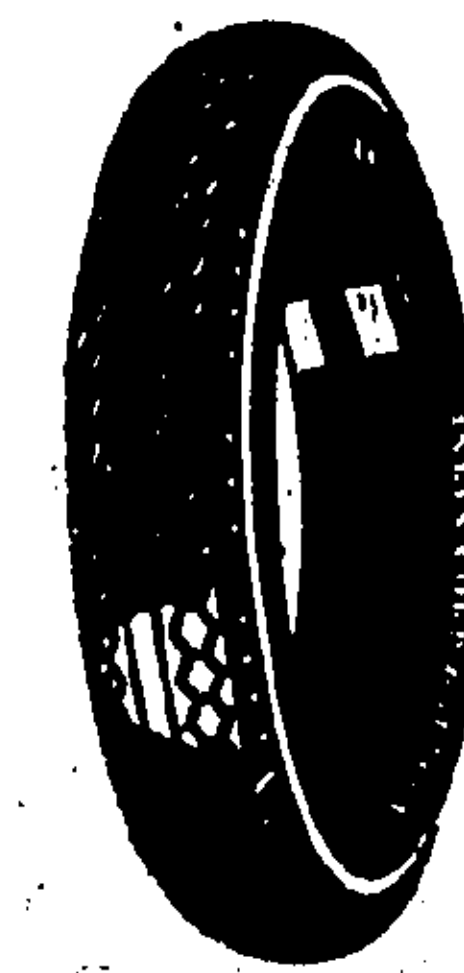
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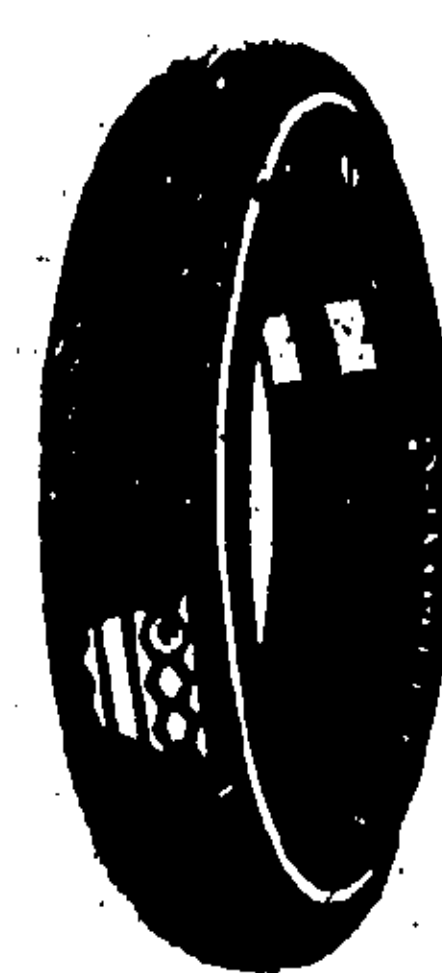
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Company Meeting.

# HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO-DAY

The forty-third ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders was held at the Company's Offices in the P. & O. Building this morning.

The Hon. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., Mr. J. P. Warren, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Directors), and Mr. J. Douglas Butcher (Manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. W. S. Bailey, Chiu Ho-ping, Lau Shiu-chuen, V. Sorby, F. L. Brown, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Fung Kong-ung, Leung Fatin, To Cho-hing, Wong Ping-sun, L. E. Ozorio, Leung Yan-po, O. F. Ribeiro, Leung Shiu-lau, H. J. M. de Figueiredo, L. J. Davies, B. Wong Tape, Wong Chio, S. H. Ross, Ip Fook, Paul Lauder, Frank Austin (Attorney for Mr. A. J. David), and Chun Wing-keu.

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—The Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1931, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission I will take them as read.

The Net Profit after providing for Depreciation is \$1,698,059.29. With the sum of \$142,335.82 brought forward from last account we have \$1,840,395.11 for appropriation and with this we propose:—

To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share absorbing ..... \$1,125,000.00  
To appropriate a sum to write off obsolete plant ..... 179,050.00  
To place to reserve ..... 400,000.00  
To carry forward to next account ..... 136,335.11

The Profit on Working exceeded that for 1930 by \$101,839 and in view of the increased cost of fuel, which forms a large percentage of the Works Costs of the unit, this result may, I think, be looked upon as satisfactory.

A new item which appears in the Working Account is the Five Yearly Installation Testing which the Company have to carry out in accordance with Government requirements and which has meant the formation of an entirely new sub-department attached to the Meter Staff. This department commenced its activities on January 1, 1931.

We have set aside an additional \$39,202, making a total of \$626,267 for Depreciation, which leaves us with a Net Profit \$33,609 in excess of that for the previous year.

In viewing the results for last year it should be borne in mind that we have had to meet largely increased costs of miscellaneous supplies as well as on machinery and accessories. It should also be remembered that we offer the Public a supply at very low rates which can be equalled in but few cities throughout the world.

The improved results of the period under review have been possible owing to the steady increase in the output which has shown a further rise during the year of some 9.8 per cent, the total number of units sold having risen to over 37½ millions. The number of consumers have also increased in a gratifying manner and is now almost at the 38,000 stage, an increase of over 3,000 during the year, or the largest increase during the last ten years.

Government rates are considerably heavier owing to increased assessments, a likelihood fore-shadowed last year.

It will be observed that a note has been inserted in the Assets side of the Balance Sheet to the effect that we are committed to further payments under Contract amounting to \$22,014. This figure represents the balance of instalments on the new turbine, boilers, and steam range, comprising our new plant, and should, I feel, appear in the Balance Sheet.

A new item also appears under the heading of Goods in Transit, \$89,598, which represents turbine plant in transit at the date of the balance sheet for which our London Representative had paid and drawn on us.

You will notice under the heading Motor Cars and Lorries, which appeared in last account at \$2,761.31, there has been an expenditure during the year of \$25,761.82. This is due to the purchase of a fleet of lighter type commercial

vehicles which have already shown a considerable economy in running and are tending to reduce our transport costs.

With regard to Sundry Debtors the increase of \$173,419 is mainly on account of remittances to London at favourable rates to meet further payments for our extensions.

Cash at Hand and in Current Account has decreased by \$308,432, heavy payments on account of new plant having been made.

There are, I think, no further points in the accounts which call for special remark other than the writing off of some of the old plant to which I will refer later.

The new plant of which I spoke last year has now arrived and is in process of erection at the moment. It is hoped to have it in operation during this Spring. We have been fortunate in being able to pay for this additional machinery at higher rates of exchange than was anticipated.

In accordance with the progressive policy of the Company whereby it has been decided to completely modernise the Power Station and replace the low pressure with high pressure steam plant with its attendant greater economy, it will be necessary to convert the British Thomson-Houston set No. 6 to the higher pressure as soon as possible and to provide a further high pressure boiler in the near future.

With this object in view your Directors deem it advisable to completely write off two of the obsolete turbines although they will be retained as a standby supply. From the point of view of maximum efficiency these sets are now out of date but I would mention that they have been in continuous use for a considerable number of years and have in their time done yeoman service.

I think I may safely say that the results of the past year have fully realised our expectations, the most satisfactory feature in my opinion being the considerable increase in output mainly due to the larger number of consumers. I would also add that care has been taken to effect every possible economy without in any way impairing efficiency.

It is always my pleasure on these occasions to express our appreciation of all that the Staff have done to achieve the results which we place before you and with this I am sure the Shareholders would like to associate themselves.

I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1931, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, in seconding the proposal, said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I have listened with great interest to the speech from the Chair and I would like to offer my congratulations to the Directors, Agents and Staff on the excellent results of last year's working. In view of the low level of Exchange and the consequent advance in the cost of coal, machinery and stores etc. the increase in the net profit is highly satisfactory.

As you stated, Sir, I think the higher output and the large increase in the number of consumers are features which must appeal to Shareholders as an indication of the steady progress of our undertaking.

The proposal of the Board to write off obsolete plant appeals to me as a wise and proper course and will, I feel sure, meet with the approval of all present.

It has always been the policy of this Company to depreciate on an adequate scale and I am pleased to see that this principle has again been followed in the present accounts.

It must be a matter of great satisfaction to the Directors to be able to again propose a dividend of \$2.50 per share and at the same time place a considerable amount to our healthy reserve account.

Whilst the report and accounts before us are thoroughly satisfactory from Shareholders' point of view, I would point out that Consumers receive current at a rate which bears comparison with any place in the world.

I personally am very pleased to see that the Board are maintaining the Generating Station at a high state of efficiency. I hold the view that modern machinery incorporating all the latest improvements is essential for economical production.

I now have much pleasure in formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts for 1931, as presented.

No questions being asked the Resolution was put to the meeting and the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts was carried unanimously.

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## M. HAARDT TO BE BURIED IN PARIS.

No Ceremony in Hong Kong.

EXPEDITION'S LOSS.

In accordance with the wishes expressed by the family of the late Monsieur George Marie Haardt, leader of the Central Asian Expedition, the burial will be performed in Paris, no ceremonies taking place here.

Accompanied by the three members of the expedition at present in Hong Kong, the coffin will be embarked on the French liner sailing from this port on March 29.

The other members of the party which have already arrived in Indo-China, will come on board at Saigon in order to escort the body of their leader to France.

Residents of the Colony who desire to express their sympathy to Monsieur George Marie Haardt's family, and to his friends, are asked to write their names down at the French Consul General's Office in the book opened for this purpose.

Among the many cables of condolence received from leading personalities the world over, the President of the Council, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has sent the deep sympathy of the French Government "which associates wholeheartedly with the expedition in its grief at the loss of their Chief."

Cleavage of the Atom appears nearer as the result of a new 20,000,000-volt generator.

Certain Stars are not as distant as formerly believed.

advice, and no pains will be spared to give them every satisfaction.

The Cooling Plant.

I am pleased to state that the King's Theatre is the first theatre in South China to install a Cooling Plant. This cooling system not only cools and purifies the air, but at the same time it reduces the humidity. It is a boon to Patrons during the hot weather, and its special feature is that the air, being evenly distributed, does not cause drafts.

Turning now to the accounts, you will see from the Profit and Loss Account that the net earning of the Theatre for its nine months' working is \$109,327.16 and our net receipts of offices and shops for the year is \$53,635.71; and that after deduction of interests and Directors and Auditor's Fees, etc., our net profit for the year is \$95,974.10. We have, however, to write off the debit balance of \$30,777 carried forward from 1930, thus leaving available for distribution \$65,197.10.

Your Directors recommend paying a dividend of 60 cents per share for the year, and writing off \$3,967.20 for Preliminary Expenses, leaving a balance of \$1,315.10 to be carried forward to next year's account.

I now propose that the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I will endeavour to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Seconded by Dr. E. W. J. Sun and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors at a remuneration of \$600 on the proposal of Mr. Chow Tung-sang, seconded by Mr. Mok Hing-seung.

Extraordinary Meeting.

An extraordinary meeting was held immediately afterward for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

"That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

It was proposed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and carried nem. con.

Attendance.

Those present at both meetings were the Hon. Dr. E. W. J. Sun (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. Chang Fat and Liang Chi-hao (Managing Directors), Li Jow-sun, Sum Pak-ming, George Sun, Yau Kwai-lup, Chang Kwai-lin, Wong Kwong-tin, Choi Wai-hung, and Chang Kwai-on (Directors), and Dr. E. W. J. Sun and Messrs. P. M. Hodgson, Chow Tung-sang, Sun Jue-yow, Chang Cheong, Mok Hing-seung, and Hung So-yin (Shareholders).

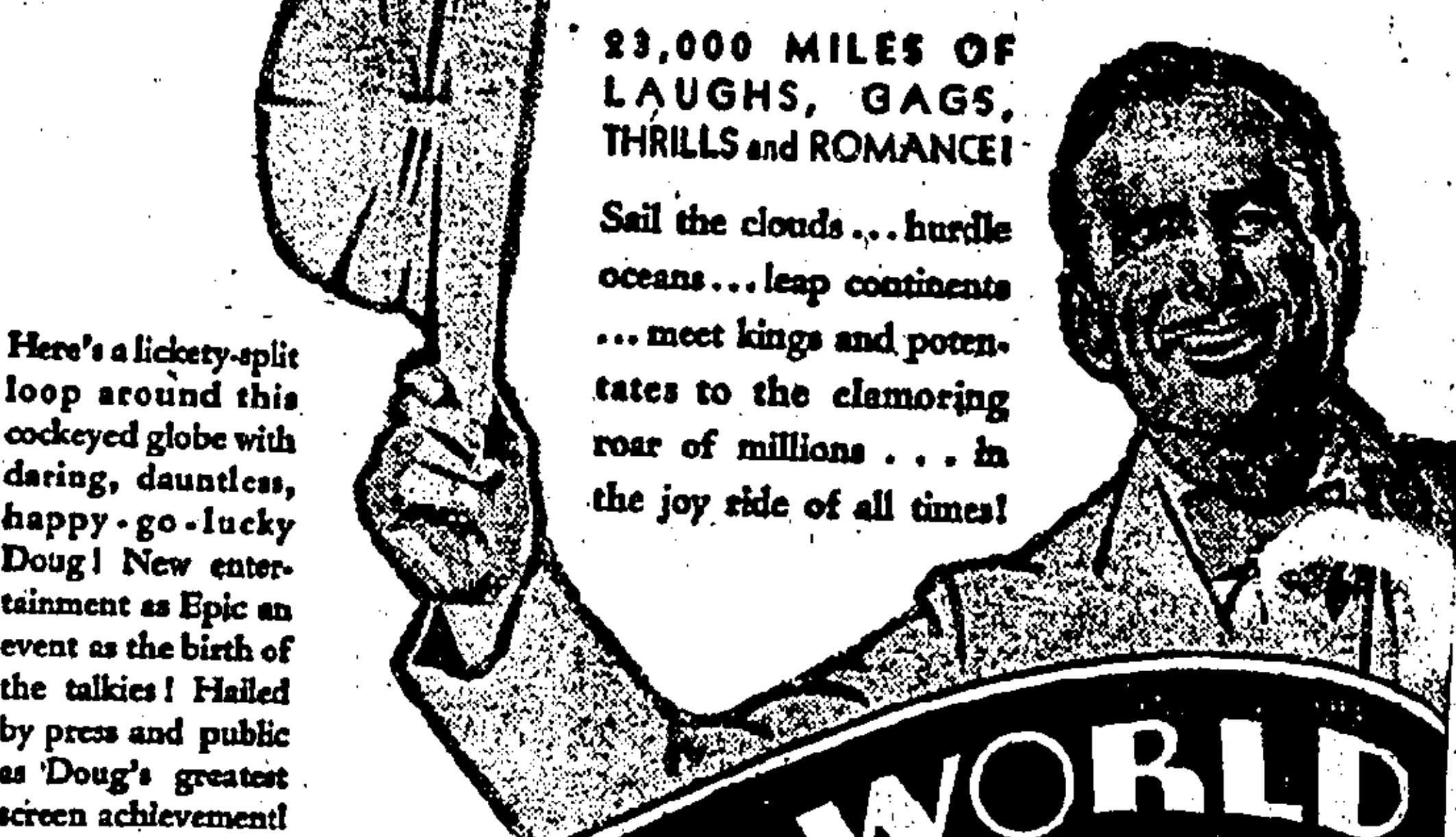
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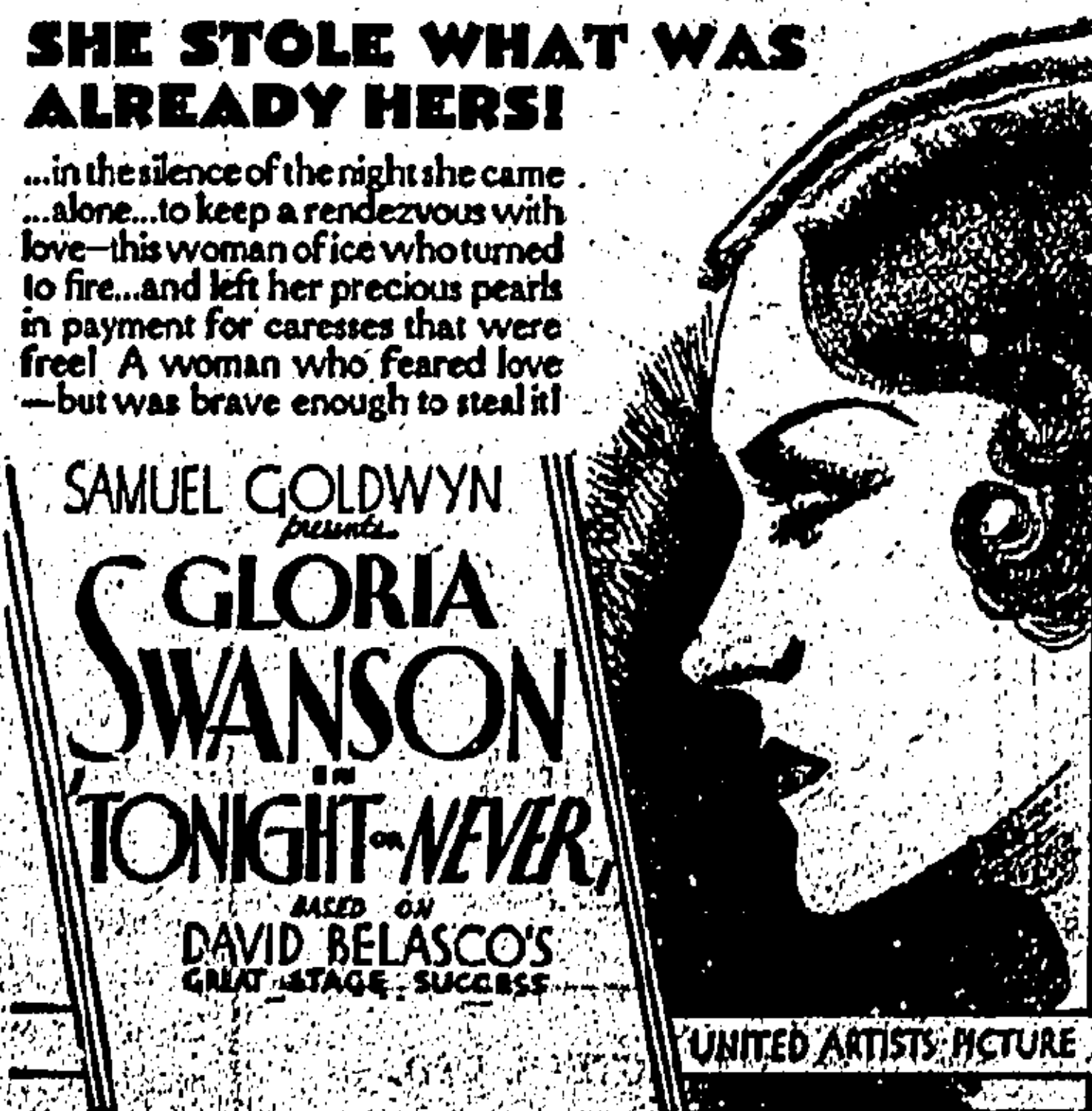
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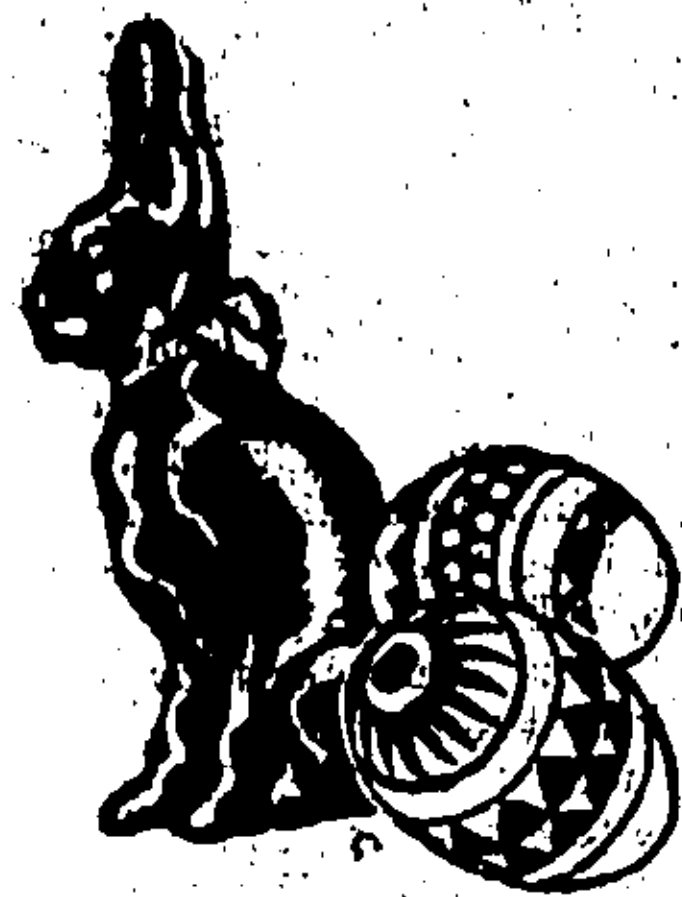
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### The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 23, 1932.

#### Qualified Failure.

The Far Eastern conflict is by far the severest test that the League of Nations has ever undergone and the League has failed under the test, in spite of the reports of formal peace parleys now being attended in Shanghai. No successful mediation by the League, even when peace is officially declared, can mitigate that failure. Is the League itself then a failure? It is a question which has been on the lips of thousands since last September, and the answer is no—but it is a qualified no.

Too much has been expected of the League. Could it curb Alexander, a Caesar, or a Napoleon, could it avert the rise of Hellenic civilisation, prevent Rome from replacing Athens, save Carthage from downfall, or thwart the rise of the British Empire? Can articles, paragraphs, clauses, and annexes resist the tremendous tidal movements of human history? There are disputes where it could intervene decisively, there are others where it could restrain by firm or gentle pressure, and there are others in which it could beneficently mediate. Perhaps there are none in which it could do nothing at all. So that its power is very great indeed. But it has its limitations and unless they are recognised the League is doomed. If they are recognised in time, however, the power of the League may grow and its limits may expand.

One unfortunate feature in the activities of the League is its aptitude to avoid realities by assuming that what it has failed to do will, some day, be accomplished by Providence. Japan, though she may make her peace with China, will be broken as a reed. She is too entangled in an enterprise that will accumulate disaster upon disaster for herself. She will have war after war abroad, and revolution at home—and all because of her recent misbehaviour. In other words she has escaped sentence from the League, but she cannot avoid being punished.

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by the workings of historical cause and effect, which, by some strange twist in the universal law, operate wholly in accordance with the idealism that happens to have been fashionable in Western Europe and America since the World War.

Disaster may befall Japan—what expanding imperialism has not gone through disasters at home and abroad? France was defeated in India and America and went through one of the greatest revolutions ever known, to emerge with a strength as great as that of all Europe combined. But what the fate of Japan will be, whether defeat and total ruin, dominion and prosperity, Rome or Carthage, no one can tell—nor does it matter; it is the present reality that matters, if mankind is not to lose what little power it has over that reality. Japan should have been treated with a firm hand by the League in her early meanderings through Chinese territory. Stories of imperilled nationals should not have been allowed such serious latitude and a forceful check placed on all her movements. Instead of which the League dallied in the peaceful surroundings in Geneva.

The power of the League—when not over-strained—is very great, even now and despite its inglorious failure. Its potential power is even greater. It can and should be an instrument of Western civilisation. It is a means of achieving a world-order, or at least a European order, but it cannot be the preserver of a world-order that does not exist.

#### French Proposal.

Several Frenchmen are advancing the suggestion that the United States Government be called upon to pay for the period of the war in which it took no active part—from April, 1917, when the United States declared war, until July 1918, when the United States soldiers took part in a big engagement.

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ment ought to be prepared to pay for services rendered.

Figures carefully prepared by a well known French accountant, General Alombert, estimate that the sum due to France "for services rendered" is something like nine billion dollars. This figure is reached by adding the cost of the war life insurance policies of 200,000 Americans to the cost of dealing with some 800,000 wounded, and to this is added a sum representing interest at the rate of two per cent, for thirteen years.

The views of the United States on this ludicrous proposal should prove interesting, even more interesting than the views expressed at Home when it became known that the British Government had had to pay rent for the trenches occupied by its troops during the war!

#### News in Brief.

Members of St. Andrew's Club will present "Wurze-Flummary," a two act comedy by A. A. Milne, and two short sketches by Ronald Jeans, in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Wednesday, April 6 at 9.15 p.m.

The final Concert of the season will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 31, at 5.30 p.m. Artists—Mrs. E. Snowden-Jones, Mr. V. Derenevsky, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. Please book teas in advance.—Adv.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony during the week ended March 19, is as follows:—

Cases	Deaths
Small Pox	8 (1 impt.)
Diphtheria	2
Enteric fever	6 (1 impt.)
Cerebro-spinal fever	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5

One case of small-pox occurred during the 24 hours ended March 21.

#### FAR EASTERN DISPUTE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

country in a situation which would only aggravate matters had been carried out, and differences between greater and smaller States had been reconciled, and lastly the support of the United States had been secured.

The Best Guarantee.  
Sir John Simon declared that there was a great deal still to be done, but what had been done showed that the League was the best guarantee for the peace of the world.

Patience and time before a conciliation could be effected would be necessary, but this was a case where the League was most likely to be useful as a mediating force; constant reference to stick what you are supposed to have in the pocket was not the best way to secure compliance with advice or to exert influence as a great world organisation.

It was a mistake to assume that the League had necessarily gained effective strength in such a case by constant reference to weapon sanctions.

The League really exercised and was founded on a position as an authorised exponent and interpreter of world opinion, which was one of the most terrific forces in nature.

League Functions Distinct.  
Sir John Simon said that the truth was when the public and world influence was sufficiently strong and unanimous to pronounce a firm moral condemnation that sanctions were not needed.

While Britain would be the grimest and stand by the obligations contained under every article of the Covenant, he suggested it would be best to keep the coercive and the mediator functions of the League distinct.

He denied that there had been any weakness in the League's pronouncement. Assembly resolution contained the merit, which claimed that the strongest expressions of desire to stand by every principle of the League.

Military Force Useless.  
Sir John, moreover, made reference to the Pact of Paris, deliberately made by the Assembly, and said that this was the cause for the assurance of support from the United States. The resolution laid down in it was contrary to

## BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

Strict Economics Enforced.

THE FLOATING DEBT.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
With eight more working days before the financial year ends on March 31, the Revenue returns to March 19 show a deficit on the national accounts of only £19,400,000, as compared with £34,800,000 at the corresponding date last year. Revenue for the week amounted to £24,700,000 and Expenditure to £19,900,000, making a surplus for the week of £4,800,000. The Income Tax receipts have already exceeded the revised budget estimate of £272,000,000 by over five million, and the surtax receipts are only £2,000,400.

On the other hand, however, Estate Duties and Stamps together, are £21,000,000 behind last year's receipts to date, although the budget estimated to receive in the year about the same total as last year. The Customs and Excise revenue are together about £10,000,000 over last year's receipts to date as compared with the budget estimate of £7,500,000 increase in the year. Supply expenditure is to date about £11,000,000 in excess of last year as compared with the estimated increase of £22,500,000, which indicate substantial economies.

The Floating Debt amounts to £609,000,000, being a reduction of £3,500,000 in the week.—British Wireless Service.

## ANIMAL TRAINER.

Shetland Circus Man Stranded.

CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY.

Din Mohamed, a circus animal trainer, formerly employed by the Shetland Circus, which had a season here a few months ago, appeared before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with being a vagrant.

Detective-Sergeant C. Mottram said that the Shetland Circus left here about three months ago. Prior to the ship sailing, Mohamed was sent ashore on a small errand, and on returning, he found the ship had gone. Since then he had been moving between Hong Kong, Macao and Canton, until he came to the end of his tether. He told the Police that his passport and papers were with the Circus, which was probably quite true.

The police officer asked for a committal to the House of Detention, pending communications, if possible, with the Shetland Circus, or arrangements for the defendant's return to India.

His Worship granted the order.

the spirit of the Covenant, that dispute should be settled under stress of military pressure, therefore he was glad to see that as far as Shanghai was concerned, there were considerable withdrawals of Japanese forces.

It was then proved clearly that a fair conclusion was unreachable under the immediate pressure of military force.

The debate was then interrupted by private business.—Reuter.

Captain Eden Speaks.

London, Later.  
On the resumption of the debate Captain Eden, who wound up for the Government, noted the unexpected large measure of support for the Government's policy, apart from the criticism that the Government might have developed little more vigour, but those who advocated "forward policy," he said, overlooked the fact that, had we indulged in such eagerness, we might have found ourselves acting alone.

Awaiting Commission's Report.  
As regards Manchuria Captain Eden said that the Government was watching British interests there and this that this was a thirty-year-old controversy, and the more.

The Government had the opportunity to study it the more fearful they were to venture upon it hastily. "We, at present, are well advised to await Lord Lytton's Commission's conclusion."

He was glad to note that the definite improvement in British relations with China during the past 15 years was due to Sir Austin Chamberlain's policy, which was a combination of firmness in defence of well-established British and other foreign interests, and sympathy for just Chinese aspirations.

That policy would continue.

## HOME LOTTERIES BILL.

Introduction Now Granted.

176 VOTES TO 123.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons, by 176 votes to 123 leave was granted to Sir William Davidson, a private Conservative member, to introduce the Lotteries Bill, the object of which is to authorise the raising of money by means of lotteries for charitable, scientific, and artistic purposes, or any public improvement or other public object under the conditions to be approved by the Secretary of State.—British Wireless Service.

## COLONY'S GUEST.

Magistrate Extends Hospitality.

TO SOLDIER THIEF.

An umbrella formed the subject of a theft charge brought against a Fukienese, stated to be a disbanded soldier returning to Penang, before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Inspector Shannon said accused stole the umbrella from a passenger's luggage on board the s.s. Tai Shan, prior to her departure for Canton last night. Defendant was seen by the complainant, who gave chase and caught him in the street.

His Worship (to defendant): We'll give you hospitality for three weeks!

## MARRIAGE BUSINESS.

Woman Doctor's Plea For Easier Divorce.

Would earlier marriages—regarded in the light of business contracts—and easier divorce make for greater domestic happiness?

Striking observations on this subject were made by Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser, the authority on women's health, at a conference organised by the women's section of Alliance of Honour at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, Bloomsbury.

"We should help our boys and girls to marry sooner," said Dr. Chesser. "Let them have homes and children when they are young. Earlier marriage and easier divorce would result in a great deal less suffering in the world."

"Marriage should be regarded in the same light as a business contract. In business you do your best to keep your contract, and in marriage it should be the same. But husbands are very difficult, and a woman does not realise what a bore she can be."

"A great mistake which so many young people make to-day is to refuse to have children at the beginning of their marriage, but it is a woman's right to refuse to have a child if she does not want one. Woman is still regarded as inferior and is still allowed to be a drudge."

"So long as we allow our boys to have this attitude towards girls we shall not go forward. It is not enough to tell children about sex. That is only the beginning. The whole emotional tone of the home is what matters."

The Duchess of Atholl said: "Young people to-day have so many more opportunities of finding out whether their interests are in common, and I think on the whole conditions of life are making for greater safety in marriage."

Evolutionists, after studying the teeth of thousands of elephants have revised their theory.

## Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 23, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 9/16.

In view of the attitude of the "casual" golf caddies at Fanning, the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club has found it necessary to reconsider the list of rates for caddies and pending a decision it has been resolved by the General Committee that no local (Fanning) caddies shall be engaged until due notice is given to members through the Press. Caddies on monthly rates according to the Club rules, however, may continue in employment, but there shall be no addition to the list of caddies on monthly rates until further notice.



## THESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

### MR. CHAMPKIN'S ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS.

At the Hong Kong Rotary Club luncheon yesterday Mr. Champkin delivered a highly entertaining address on Anti-Aircraft Guns.

He made splendid use of the opportunity afforded for recruiting members for the new unit of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps—the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company.

"The Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company anticipates a real and urgent need—the need to guard against a menace that twenty-five years ago would have seemed as fantastic as it seemed forty years before then, when Tennyson forevisioned the nations' aerial navies grappling in the central blue."

It was with some difficulty that I persuaded my friend, Mr. Macpherson, to prevail upon me to accept your kind invitation today, began Mr. Champkin. You have been very patient with me here on other occasions when I have spoken on subjects of which I know nothing, but I confess I feared the danger of putting your forbearance to a breaking strain on the subject of these anti-aircraft guns.

It is only fair to Mr. Macpherson for me to say that he endorsed my apprehension with a wholeheartedness that seemed to me perhaps a little ready having regard to our long and friendly association in imposing on the suffering public of this Colony.

Anti-aircraft guns happen to be an absorbing passion of mine, but I don't expect you to be anything but mildly interested in them, any more than you would expect me to be particularly interested in golf, or the assassination of snipe, or the Nude Culturists. (Laughter). We all have our hobbies and I didn't come here to talk mine. I am here principally because I find it pleasant to be in the goodly company of so many old volunteers, and I am more glad than I might be after tasting this coffee to know that most of you don't think anti-aircraft guns are worth a damn! (Laughter). I should be much discouraged if you thought otherwise! When old volunteers develop the habit of taking a cheerful view of volunteering they ought to retire. We can always find them a congenial job in the Boy Scouts. The Colony expects, and has every right to demand a decorous and decent despondency from its Defence Corps. (Laughter)—for there has never been a time in its history when the Colony's best volunteers were not the world's worst pessimists.

It was so in our time, and it has always been so. I daresay most of you can go back twenty-five years, when the rifleman watched with dull amazement the first aeroplane that disturbed the pleasing amenities of his Easter Manoeuvres. He knew then that volunteering was finished. He knew the aeroplane had beaten him and that the end had come.

Forty years before his time the whiskered warriors whose portraits are preserved in our Officers Mess, wagged their beards with the same dismal foreboding. They laid aside their crossbows and battleaxes (Laughter)—or whatever small-arms they used in the sixties, and they took up the latest thing in guns. Snider rifles and they also knew the end had come. They also knew that modern armament had put a sock in the old spirit and that volunteering would never be the same again.

So it has been throughout three quarters of a century of volunteering history. We have all been gloomy prophets, but, like old Ezekiel, we have seen the dry bones stirring, and we are not without hope that the spirit of the sixties that never failed us yet will still serve the hour and need long after we are gone. (Applause).

We know that if the Colony's volunteers to-day are small in numbers they have never been more keen, and that they are immeasurably more efficient than at any time before.

We know that those old warriors in picturesque poses, throwing the weight of their bodies on their chintraps (Laughter), were splendid fellows. (Applause). They handed down something more lasting than a peculiar fashion in side-whiskers. They started a great movement. They passed on a

great tradition. They gave to those who came after them a spirit that, if it has wearied at times, has gathered strength again and gone from strength to strength when real and urgent need has called on this Colony for volunteers.

The Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company anticipates a real and urgent need—the need to guard against a menace that twenty-five years ago would have seemed as fantastic as it seemed forty years before then, when Tennyson forevisioned the nations' aerial navies grappling in the central blue.

We know how real that menace is to-day—not to us of course, but to others. Nothing is likely to happen to us here. Nothing ever does happen in Hong Kong! We have so many Societies for the Prevention of Things Happening that we sleep soundly in our beds. We know that the Nude Culturists can only come when the lights are out (Laughter)—and that an air raid can never come at all.

We are as fortunate in our immunities as we are blest above all peoples in our egotistic optimism. We want to be realistic, but we don't want to face realities. That's the whole volunteering problem in a nutshell.

Let us take it out of a nutshell and put it in a bombshell. Let us, when we feel disposed to thank whatever gods there be that Hong Kong is different somehow, consider as clearly and as cogently as we can what would happen if Hong Kong was raided from the air. Let us consider that the weapon of the first warplane was an automatic pistol and that to-day a bomber takes off with about two tons of stuff that with great good luck would blow Ice House Street to blazes (Laughter)—and still, I hope, have enough left over to kill the criminal that made this coffee! (Laughter).

We have to defend ourselves or to rely on Providence for our defence. We pray for peace in our time, but what good claim have we on Providence for protection against the desolating heathenry of high explosives? Enemy airmen also are godly folk, with an equal claim on Providence and with the inestimable advantage of being ten thousand feet nearer heaven than Bishop Lodge. Surely a gleam of simple intelligence should indicate that it were better we should leave to Providence the holding of the scales, and in the meanwhile man the guns that our ungodly authorities tell us that we need.

If we admit the necessity for defence we must at least admit the possibility of attack. Not only have we to defend this Colony, but we have to protect a peaceful and industrious people whose co-operation in our plans we do not invite, but whose confidence in our power of protection we have every right to expect and every duty to encourage.

We can't afford to take any risks. All that we have is at stake in the Colony—or owned by the Hong Kong Bank. (Laughter). All our overdrafts are here, and some of our wives! The people who make our coffee don't matter, but the Armenians and the Land Investment Company expect us to defend our hearths and homes. (Laughter)—otherwise they will raise our rents. We must do something.

The old China Fleet and the old Regular Force—stiffened by the old whiskered warriors—were a safe standby in the old days, but times have changed. We have to

fight new forces from the air, and I am here to tell you that we want volunteers to man the guns.

In the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company we work on rather novel, though not entirely original lines. Those of you who have read Nicholas Nickleby will remember that Mr. Squeers had an educational method peculiarly his own. Quoting from the book—"We go upon the practical mode of teaching, Nickleby; the regular education system. C-I-e-a-n, Clean, verb active, to make bright. W-I-n, win, d-e-r, der winner, a casement. When a boy knows this Nickleby he goes and cleans the window." (Laughter).

Well, it seemed to me better than most education systems I have studied and I understand it has proved highly successful in the Girl Guides. (Laughter). We have therefore adopted it to a modified extent in the Anti-Aircraft Company. Our theme is to allocate men as far as possible to the defence of their own particular interests. The Talkoo Dock men defend their Dock Works. The Hong Kong Electric men defend their Electric Works. The Water men defend their Waterworks. Conforming to the same idea, gentlemen, what about the Gasworks? (Loud laughter). I am seriously disturbed about the gasworks! Can I hope to-day to get forty-nine men to join me in the defence of my particular interest? It's for you to decide.

The need is for men now. We don't want to be reminded by letters in the newspapers that there are hundreds of men in the Colony that will roll up when the war starts, provided it doesn't start before they roll up. The habit of rolling-up, of which I am a warm and enthusiastic supporter, has much to commend it, but it would be more commendable if air raids were subject to a month's notice. It gives us a comfortable sense of security to know the rollers-up are there—wherever they are, but we should be happier to know that they were keeping their hands in.

You can't fight a gun as my friend Bowser-Smith plays the piano—by sheer force of character! (Laughter). You have to know a little about it beforehand. It's like exchange broking (Loud laughter)—it takes at least ten hours to learn thoroughly and ten hours training a year is all that we ask you to do in this Anti-Aircraft Company. There are no compulsory parades, no range practices, no Camp exercises. Instruction is literally carried to your door in six different centres in Hong Kong and Kowloon on six different days of the week. We don't even trust you with a uniform until the expense is justified by war. All that we ask you to do is to fill in the form enclosed in the brochure before you and to accept with cheerfulness the very light obligation that it calls for.

The engaging duty of convincing everybody who is not already a volunteer of the truth of our need has been entrusted to me, partly, no doubt, because I am an old volunteer and know nothing of these things, but principally, I think, because the truth is never really convincing unless told by an experienced liar! (Laughter).

Mr. Chairman, you have been good enough to give me an opportunity of telling the truth to this representative assembly of business and professional men of Hong Kong. The need exists. What more is there to say to all good citizens—to all who hold in proper honour the public spirit and patriotism of those who, in the early days of this Colony laid the foundations of its greatness and counted as the first of their obligation and the proudest of their privileges a place in the front of its defences? (Applause).

Probably at some time or other, Mr. Chairman, you have tried to arouse public interest in some sinister scheme of your own. You look as if you have. (Laughter)—and I know that you appreciate my difficulties in raising this Company. I know that you will understand how grateful I am to the Rotary Club for the help you are giving me to-day. (Applause).

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## Correspondence.

### "TOUCH" TYPEWRITING.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—May I be enlightened, through the medium of your valuable paper, on the above subject?

Of late the business market has been flooded with so-called "Trained" typists from a local Typewriting School, who have been taught to master the standard typewriter keyboard with their "Blind" system, using (A) (S) (D) (F) and (H) (J) (K) (L) as the "Home" keys for the left-hand and right-hand fingers respectively. Will any of your readers interested in the subject kindly point out to me the advantages of the above method which obviously deviates from the well-known "Touch" system adopted throughout the English-speaking world.

It occurs to me also that the local Education Authorities should make investigations in this connection, as besides acting as a great hamper to high efficiency from the operator's point of view, incorrect tuition of the subject certainly does an injustice to advocates of "Touch" typewriting in a British Colony.

Yours, etc.,

"FINGERS-GO-WRONG."

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market displayed greater firmness at this morning's session, resulting in some of the rates being marked up substantially.

**Sales.**  
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,450/1,450.  
Providents (new), \$2.35.  
Hotels, \$18.65/18½ Cum. Rights.  
Hong Kong Lands, \$75.  
Hong Kong Realities \$103½/11.  
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.90.  
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.40/21½.  
China Lights (old), \$21¼.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$74½.  
Cements (combined), \$19.15.  
Hong Kong Ropes, \$16¾.  
Dairy Farms, \$29.  
Constructions (new), \$1.90.

**Buyers.**  
Hong Kong Bank, \$1,440.  
Union Insurance \$445.  
China Underwriters, \$4.  
Providents (old), \$4.50.  
Providents (new), \$2.30.  
Hotels, \$18¾ Cum. Rights.  
Hotels, Rights, \$23¼.  
Hong Kong Lands, \$75.  
Hong Kong Realities, \$103½.  
Chinese Estates, \$95.  
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15.30.  
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.35.  
Star Ferries, \$81½.  
China Lights (old), \$21¼.  
China Lights (new), \$20¾.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$74¾.  
Canton Ice, \$5½.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$74¾.  
Telephones (P.P.), \$24.  
Cements (combined), \$19¼.  
(Continued at foot of preceding column.)

## PEAK TRAGEDY RECALLED.

### Four Men Before the Magistrate.

#### CAPITAL CHARGE.

Clues which the Crown claims to be conclusive proof of the movements of four men charged with the murder of a student, Tsang Tai-kai, were unfolded before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon. The fourth defendant, who has already been committed on a charge of murder in connection with the Tai Wan Fort tragedy, was also charged with delivering letters threatening death.

In his outline of the case, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C. (Crown Solicitor), gave a detailed account of the disappearance of the youth, followed by the subsequent discovery of his dead body off Victoria Gap Road, on the Peak. The Crown elaborated on "a veritable mine of incriminating matter" said to have been found in the possession of the defendants.

It was alleged the gang had no intentions of holding the youth to ransom but they had intended to murder him whether the money was paid or not, and had, in fact, done so, before presenting their demand for \$10,000 for the boy's release.

After evidence had been taken the hearing was adjourned.

## INDIAN GUARD CHARGED.

### Alleged Serious Offence on Woman.

Before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistrate's yesterday, Anayat Hussain Shah, an Indian guard attached to the Wanchai Gap Police Station, was charged with committing a criminal assault on a Chinese married woman named Ng Tung at Wongneichong Gap on the morning of March 3.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the defence and entered a plea of not guilty. Mr. R. E. Lindell, Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the prosecution.

The complainant was walking up the gap in company with an older woman when they were accosted by the accused, who was on duty there. They ran away, and the accused was alleged to have chased them for half a mile. Then he pushed the older woman over the bank and dragged the complainant up the hill to an isolated magazine. Afterwards the complainant returned to her home in Wanchai in great distress and did not report the matter to the Police until the following morning.

An identification parade was subsequently held at which the accused was with six other guards, all in uniform, and both the complainant and her companion had no difficulty in picking him out. The case was adjourned after Dr. G. H. Thomas had given medical evidence.

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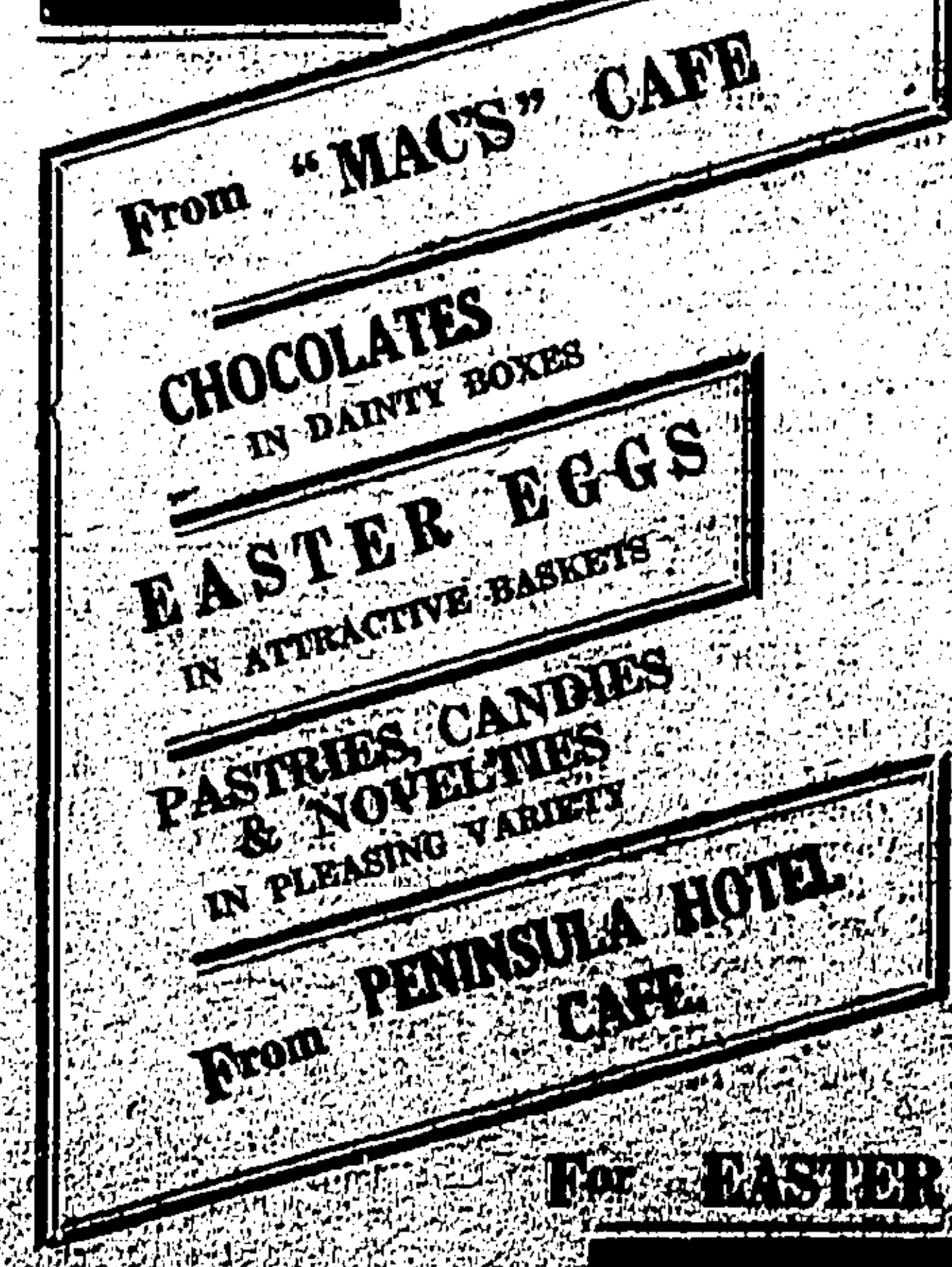


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IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, 25th, 26th and 28th March, 1932 (Easter Holidays).

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1932.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, the 25th March, and EASTER MONDAY, the 28th March, All Departments will be CLOSED.

On these Days The Hong Kong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. On SATURDAY, the 26th March, all Departments will be open as usual.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1932.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

IN HONOUR of Rev. H. V. and Mrs. KOOP, who have shortly leaving the Colony, an AT HOME, to which all friends are invited, will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.45 p.m. on THURSDAY, 7th April, 1932.

A Presentation will be made.

## NOTICE.

MISS VIOLET CAPELL will resume her Dancing Classes as from the 4th APRIL. For particulars kindly apply No. 9, Torres Building, Kowloon, or phone 57117.

## ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

## "TREVESSE" TROPHY.

THE 17th BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on THURSDAY, 24th March, starting at 4 p.m.

Any ship of a Company having offices or responsible Agents in Hong Kong and which is in port on the day of the race may enter any number of boats.

All entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries however will be received.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Mark boat off Cust Rock Beacon (P), finish across Yacht Club line leaving mark boat to Port and continue sailing until gunfire for finish. A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL, Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.

## R.A.O.B. CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the R.A.O.B. Club will be held in the Club Room on FRIDAY, March 25, at 6 p.m. Agenda for the Meeting is posted in the Club Room.

W. RICHARDSON, Hon. Secretary. Hong Kong, March 17, 1932.

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT &amp; LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1932. LIANG CHI HAO, Managing Director.

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT &amp; LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

Dated this Second Day of March, 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO, Managing Director.

## THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 9th March, 1932.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 43rd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 12th March, 1932, to THURSDAY, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ALLAN KEITH, Secretary. Hong Kong, 1st March, 1932.

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &amp; MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 14th March, 1932, until THURSDAY, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board, D. L. KING, Secretary. Hong Kong, 5th March, 1932.

## THE HONG KONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 17th March, 1932.

## UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1932, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, General Managers. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## GENERAL NOTICES.

## THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Secretaries & Treasurers. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1932, at 5 p.m. in the Offices of the Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Building, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their Proposers and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order, M. F. KEY, Secretary. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## GENERAL NOTICES.

## HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, the 29th of March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order, B. D. EVANS, Hon. Secretary. Hong Kong, 17th March, 1932.

## SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1932, immediately after the termination of the Annual General Meeting when the following Resolution will be proposed:—

That the Rules of the Society be amended as follows:—By adding the following paragraph to the end of Rule 8:—"The Committee shall have power to waive the payment of an entrance fee in the case of members of His Majesty's Forces and Civil Servants attached thereto who wish to join this Society."

By Order of the Committee, LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Secretaries & Treasurers. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 30th March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following purposes:—(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the past year. (b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year. (c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated. (d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Secretaries & Treasurers. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company) obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March, 1932) made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th day of March, 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

## SPORTS NOTICES.

## THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FOR the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held in Macao on SUNDAY, the 3rd April, 1932, may be obtained at the Sports Club, Hong Kong Jockey Club Stables, or at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

ENTRIES close at 5 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 24th March, 1932. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 26th March and on MONDAY, 28th March, 1932, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first ball will be rung at 12 o'clock noon. There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all bills, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price. Bookmakers, The Tack men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 21st March, 1932.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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## THE H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

## G.O.C.'s Inspection Yesterday.

## "THOROUGHLY SATISFIED."

More than 300 members of all ranks and sections of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps paraded on Murray Parade Ground yesterday evening, for the annual G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Shortly after the Corps had marched to the Parade Ground, headed by pipers of the Scottish Company, H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, arrived accompanied by Col. R. B. Consens, Major Atkinson, Capt. Mirhouse and Capt. Cameron and were met by Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, Commandant of the Volunteer Corps.

After the Inspection and the march past, Major-General Sandilands addressed the parade:

Colonel Bird:—It is a great pleasure to me to be once more able to carry out your annual inspection, more especially as it is my considered opinion that the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has definitely improved since last year.

I am thoroughly satisfied with everything that I have seen to-day and also with what I saw of your unit when I visited your camp at Fanling. On that occasion I witnessed an ambitious field firing scheme, carried out on the lines which are seldom attempted even by the regular forces, since it is comparatively rare to find tracts of country where it is possible to fire machine guns at a range of 2,000 yards and to carry out movements combined with covering fire from light automatics and rifles on a front of about a mile. I have no hesitation in stating that there is no Volunteer unit in the United Kingdom which has ever even attempted a field firing scheme on this scale.

## Appeal For New Men.

The one thing that still disappoints me is the strength of the Hong Kong Volunteers. In this respect you have heard my views quite often enough before, so I will not bore you by repeating them, beyond stating that there are still a number of young men in the Colony who could not produce any reason, which would satisfy me for not having joined up long ago.

I would like to congratulate Lieut. Champkin and Major Manners for the praiseworthy efforts they are making to get recruits for the anti-aircraft and R.A.S.C. companies and I have every belief that their efforts will not be in vain.

As far as one can foresee this is likely to be the last time upon which I will carry out the official inspection of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, as my time is up at the end of this year. However you need have no fear that I will forget you when I leave Hong Kong.

Will Remember Volunteers. Regiments pass through China at an incredible speed and it may be a surprise to some of you to hear that 18 regular battalions have served under me on the China command during the last three years. In consequence it is only natural that I may find a difficulty in a few years time, in not confusing one with another to a certain extent.

But this is not the case with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. I shall always have a very clear recollection of them at my various annual inspections and visits to camp.

I shall also remember the many occasions on which I have received hospitality from the officers and men of the various companies. Although I hope to meet you all on many other occasions before I hand over the China command, yet I will take this opportunity of expressing my official thanks for the way in which the officers and men on parade to-day have supported me, and I would like to think that when the time comes for me to leave Hong Kong you will miss me not only as a commander, but also as a friend.

Copenhagen ..... 18.15 Oslo ..... 18 11/16 Vienna ..... 32 Prague ..... 122 1/2 Helsinki ..... 215 Madrid ..... 48 1/2 Lisbon ..... 106 1/2 Athens ..... 287 1/2 Bucharest ..... 607 1/2 Rio ..... 4 1/2 Buenos Aires ..... 38 1/2 Montevideo ..... 30 1/2 Bombay ..... 1/8 1/2 Shanghai ..... 1/9 1/2 Hong Kong ..... 1/8 1/2 Yokohama ..... 1/9 1/2 Silver Spot ..... 17 1/2 Silver Forward ..... 17 3/16

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## WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in  
the reservoirs on March 1, 1932,  
were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1931	1932
Tytam .....	24'11" B	15' 8" B
Tytam Byewash .....	28' 2" B	24'11" B
Tytam Intermediate .....	38' 3" B	37' 3" B
Tytam Tuk .....	32' 1" B	33' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	24' 1" B	21' 7" B
Pokfulum .....	21' 0" B	19' 4" B
Aberdeen Upper .....	—	27' 5" B
Aberdeen Lower .....	—	—

	1931	1932
Tytam .....	205.31	205.04
Tytam Byewash .....	—	—
Tytam Intermediate .....	49.47	48.10
Tytam Tuk .....	754.58	727.68
Wong Nei Chung .....	6.93	8.81
Pokfulum .....	22.50	25.65
Aberdeen Upper .....	—	58.20
Aberdeen Lower .....	—	—

Total .....

Consumption of water in the City  
and Hill District in millions and dec-  
imals of gallons during the month  
of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption .....	201.34	238.09
Estimated population .....	456,620	382,250
Consumption per head per day .....	15.9	21.5

Includes 1.56 million gallons from  
Mainland.

February, 1931.—From February 1  
to 28 a constant street fountain supply  
was operated in all Rider Main Dis-  
tricts excepting 3 days (16th-17th) in-  
clusive when a Full Supply was given  
on account of Chinese New Year.

	1931	1932
February, 1932.—From February 1 to 29 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Dis- tricts excepting 3 days (4th-6th) in- clusive when Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.		

Kowloon.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main .....	14' 0" B	14' 4" B
Kowloon Byewash .....	—	50' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	5' 7" B	11' 1" B
Shing Mun Recep- tion .....	11' 8" B	—
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		

Total .....

Consumption of water in Kowloon  
in millions and decimals of gallons  
during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption .....	117.54	131.47
Estimated population .....	179,140	296,500
Consumption per head per day .....	23.4	15.3

The reports of the Government Bac-  
teriologist and Analyst show that the  
quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal  
Observatory from January 1 to  
February 28, 1931, 37; from January  
1 to February 29, 1932, 2,535.

## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

## PLAY OUT OF THE COMMON.

## Dr. Johnson on the Stage.

## A G. K. CHESTERTON COMEDY.

The Arts Theatre deserves real  
credit for having produced G. K.  
Chesterton's "The Judgment of  
Doctor Johnson." Here is a play  
quite out of the common run, and  
full of all sorts of fine qualities with  
which the purely commercial  
theatres seldom supply us, yet lack-  
ing many of those other fine  
qualities which the purely  
commercial theatres deem essential,  
writes W. A. D. in the Daily Tele-  
graph.

Its story is slight, and, even so,  
not well told. It is as though  
Mr. Chesterton, recognising that his  
story was only intended as a peg on  
which to hang a portrait of Doctor  
Johnson, and a great deal of bril-  
liant conversation, had decided to  
waste as little time on it as possible.  
It tells us of an idealistic Ameri-  
can acting as a spy in London, and  
of his faithful little wife who, fol-  
lowing her husband's aberrations,  
goes from Puritanism to profligacy  
—and back again. But Mr.  
Chesterton is content merely to tell  
us of these changes in her. He  
gives us no chance of seeing for our-  
selves either that she is a Puritan  
in Act I. or that she is a profligate  
in Act III. In fact, he writes as  
a novelist, not as a dramatist.

## Good Writing.

The important thing is, however,  
that he writes uncommonly well.  
However modestly and wittily he  
may have disclaimed credit for  
the laughter of the audience,  
dividing the praise between the  
actors and Boswell, the fact re-  
mains that there were many im-  
pressive passages and much fine  
argument in which, though the  
mouth was the mouth of Johnson,  
the words were manifestly the  
words of Chesterton.

Still, his tribute to the actors was,  
in large measure, deserved. Francis  
L. Sullivan, as Johnson, added one  
more excellent performance to his  
score; and Leon Quartermaine, as  
Jack Wilkes, was admirable when  
once he had conquered an initial  
attack of nerves. Miriam Adams  
made, I think, all that could be  
made of Mary Swift; for the reason  
explained above, it is a poor acting  
part. Wilfrid Walter was not  
comfortable with John Swift's  
idealistic vapourings, but did his best.

Scattered Items: Lloyd Hughes,  
now in "The Miracle Man," cele-  
brates his fifteenth year in pictures  
this month. Edmund Lowe, about  
to co-star with Claudette Colbert in  
"Sensation," grows a vegetable called  
a "topepo," a cross between a  
tomato and a pepper, on his ranch  
in the Santa Cruz mountains. ...  
Forty years ago, Judge Charles  
Cooper, father of Gary Cooper, was  
the Helena, Mont., correspondent  
for the New York Clipper. George  
Bancroft is growing a set of red  
whiskers for early sequences in his  
next film, "On the Black Sea."

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

EAST	ROMAN	RIBS
RISE	EBONY	ERIC
GRIN	VEST	SCORE
STALEST	STANDS	
SNARE	HAUL	
BB	TNT	SADDLERS
REP	DEBTS	SEVEN
ALCS	DEATH	DIVA
ALICES	STEAK	LEGS
DEDICATE	AND	US
ZEUS	FILLES	
STRUNG	BILLETTS	
HEART	LINT	OLYKA
ONCE	RODER	ELKA
GOES	STERN	DENT

## TALKIE VOICES ARE BETTER.

## Those Early Nasal Gymnastics.

[By Arthur Lloyd James,  
University Reader in Phonetics,  
London.]

Has the voice of the talkie im-  
proved? Yes, a thousand times  
yes, despite the croakers who  
deny that it has. There are al-  
ways Jeremiahs, and they are  
conspicuous for one mental  
characteristic only. They have  
short memories.

My first talkie, only a few  
years ago, was an experience. I  
went to study the affair scienti-  
fically, because, like Trochu, I  
had a plan. If not a plan, a  
theory, based on years of in-  
vestigation and broadcasting.

The theory was, and is, that  
there is in every language a cer-  
tain incisiveness of sound that  
you must hear in order to under-  
stand what is being said. Tele-  
phones, gramophones, and other  
machines must provide this  
minimum, otherwise they are  
useless, and I set about to deter-  
mine, if possible, of what this  
minimum consists.

It is a mixture of context,  
sounds, rhythm, and intonation;  
when the speaker is visible, the  
eye enters in, and picks up odd  
bits of information, like gesture,  
or shape of the mouth.

And there is a critical speed for  
speech, beyond which speech be-  
comes nonsense; this speed is high-  
er when the speaker is visible than  
when he is invisible—a fact that  
broadcasting comedians would do  
well to remember, which they sel-  
dom do.

So I went to test my theory, but  
nothing happened. I hardly under-  
stood one single word that was  
spoken. What emerged from the  
loud speaker was miles below the  
intelligibility line.

Shrieking female voices, pitched  
well beyond the limits of the record-  
ing apparatus, did nasal gymnas-  
tics that had no acoustic similarity  
to any known brand of English  
speech.

And in parentheses, let it here be  
said, and on grounds that can be  
supported by the historical devel-  
opment of certain languages, that  
over-prevalent nasalisation is a  
powerful contributor to unintelligi-  
bility in the talking film.

Now things are better: apparatus,  
both recording and reproducing,  
has improved, and voices are evi-  
dently more carefully vetted before  
they are allowed to perform.

What comes over now, whether  
British or American, is well above  
the intelligibility line, though to  
British ears, of course, the Ameri-  
can voice still has elements of un-  
familiarity, just as the British voice  
must have to American ears.

But we are becoming more toler-  
ant. Personally, I cannot but re-  
gret that we hear so much more of  
uneducated American speech than  
we do of the educated variety, be-  
cause people in this country whose  
only knowledge of American society  
is what they derive from sensational  
talkies do really believe that all  
Americans talk the same, like crooks  
and gangsters. Which is, of course,  
absurd.

But let us not suppose that we  
are without guile. There is plenty  
of bad English—bad at both ends  
of the social scale—to be heard on this  
side of the Atlantic. Nobody can  
throw stones.

England and America have the  
future of the English language to  
settle between them, for richer or  
poorer, for better or for worse.

The talking film is a powerful  
educator, linguistic and sociologi-  
cal; linguistically it is improving,  
but it has not yet earned full marks.

## THE GALLANT ADVENTURE.

## Gladys Cooper's New Part.

## "KING, QUEEN, KNAVE."

Ruritania is not what it was. In  
the old days the gallant adventurer  
placed his beloved princess on her  
throne, kissed the hem of her gar-  
ment, and vanished into the night.  
But in the new Ruritania, as H. M.  
Harwood and R. Gore Browne ex-  
hibited it to us in "King, Queen,  
Knave" at the Playhouse, the story  
goes quite differently.

The adventurer is still made of  
the same fine old altruistic stuff, but  
his princess no longer has any par-  
ticular belief in her duty to her  
people. She does have a shot at  
the throne, but it is more to oblige  
her adventurer than for any more  
lofty reason.

And when the adventure fails and  
the adventurer is captured she glad-  
ly abdicates as the price of his free-  
dom, kisses him heartily, and prates  
with the easy optimism of the  
inexperienced of her plans for darning  
his socks.

This is a good, sound, straight-  
forward piece of story-telling, with  
no nonsense about it and no very  
special distinction about it either.  
It makes an excellent evening's  
entertainment, and beyond that  
calls for very little comment.

Leon Quartermaine is the ad-  
venturer, as gallant as the best of  
them. Gladys Cooper brings her

own brilliant decisiveness of man-  
ner to the part of the princess,  
whom the authors have been con-  
tent to draw as a type of young  
woman usually encountered on the  
courts of the English suburban ten-  
nis clubs rather than in those of  
Southern Europe.

Edmond Breon, as the king,  
is a more credible Royalty;  
but he, too, has a sur-  
prising fund of colloquial English,  
considering. Doris Lytton con-  
tributes a clearest piece of  
work, and Frank Harvey, Jack  
Bligh, Gilbert Davis, and Frank  
Cochrane are all good. There is  
also a creditable piece of doubling  
by that master of makeup, Antony  
Holles.—W. A. D. in The Daily  
Telegraph.

## "ON THE BLACK SEA."

George Bancroft To Star In  
New Drama.

George Bancroft will return to  
the dramatic background of sea ad-  
venture for his next Paramount  
starring production. It was revealed  
recently when Paramount announ-  
ced the purchase of the European  
play, "On the Black Sea."

As a vivacious coquette who at-  
tempts to conquer the spirit of a  
domineering sea-man, Miriam Hop-  
kins will appear opposite the star in  
this adventurous action story  
aboard a tramp liner in seldom-  
travelled waters.

Direction of "On the Black Sea"  
will be in the hands of John Crom-  
well, director of Bancroft's two re-  
cent film successes, "Scandal Sheet"

## SIX KILLED.

Family Wiped Out By  
Young Farmer.

Paris, February 11.  
Attracted by the neighing of  
a horse, neighbours entered a farm-  
house near Agen and found dead the  
six members of the Dieulafe family,  
representing four generations. Five  
of the victims had been killed in  
their beds, a hatchet, a knife, and  
rifle all being used to mutilate the  
bodies. Everything in the house  
was in an orderly state, and nothing  
had been stolen.

Tearless and unmoved, Pierre  
Dieulafe, a young farmer, after  
being questioned by the police  
throughout the night, confessed that  
he massacred his wife, grandmother,  
uncle, mother, daughter, and baby  
in turn. Afterwards he assisted  
the police to reconstruct the crime,  
still showing no signs of remorse.  
He said: "I lost all control of my-  
self. I hated my family."

Synthetic rubber is now being  
manufactured.

The sex of an unborn child can  
now be ascertained three months  
before birth by the X-ray.

and "Rich Man's Folly."

Completion of star-director-writer  
combination comes with the assign-  
ment of Oliver H. P. Garrett to  
prepare the screen play from the  
Phillip Zeska-Erest Spitz drama.  
Garrett has been scenarist on a  
number of Bancroft vehicles.

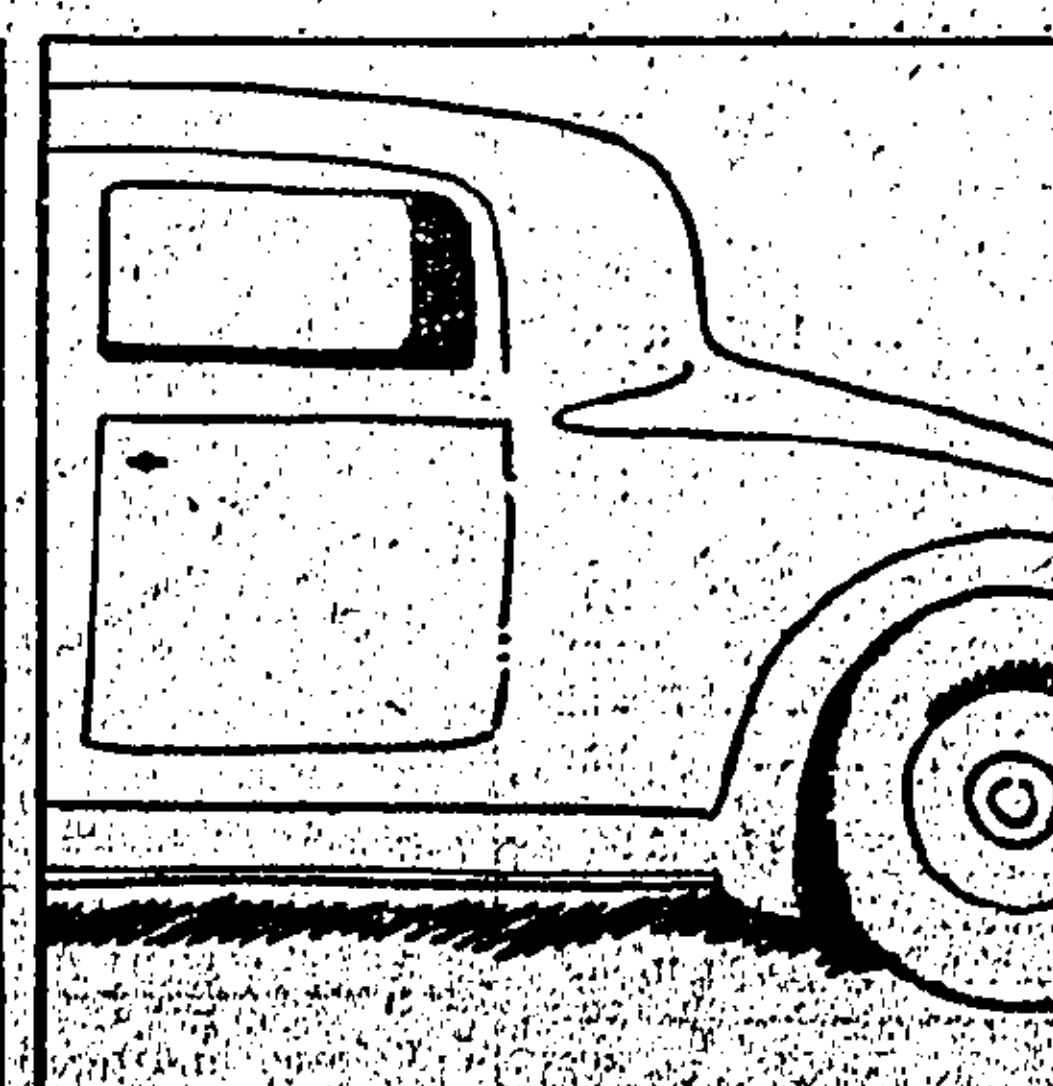
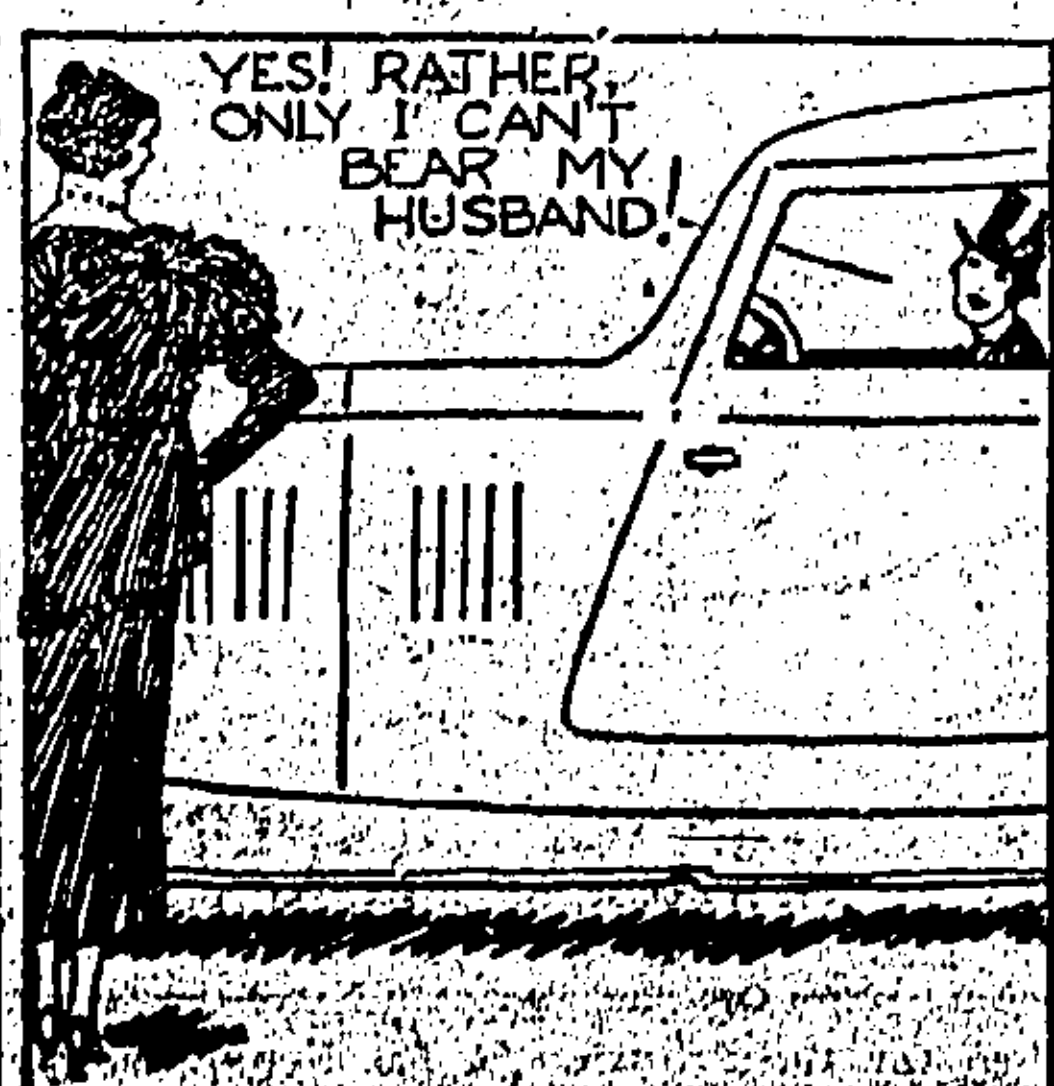
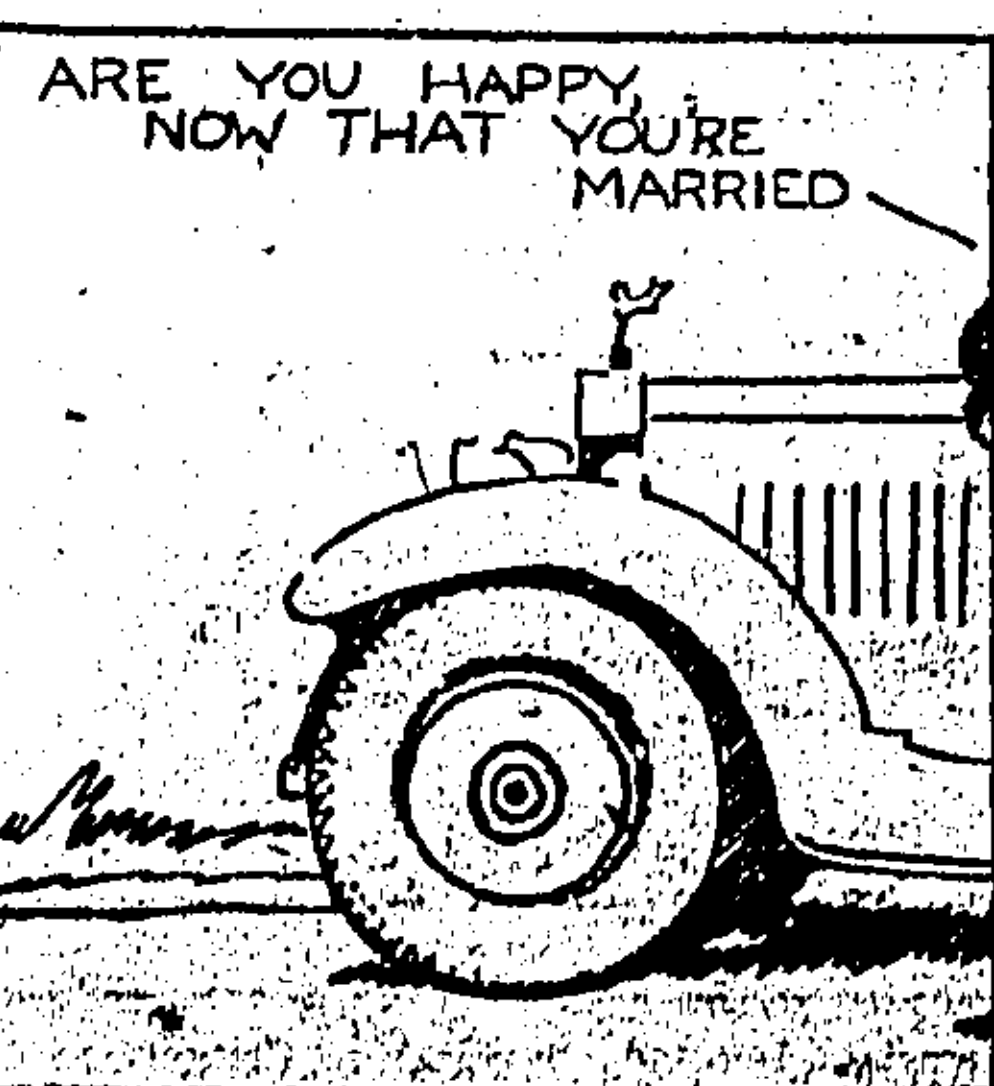


My name is "Embassy"

I am a cork-tipped Virginia cigarette  
And I am unique  
I am mild and mellow-refreshing and cool  
I appeal to the most sophisticated taste  
And I soothe and caress the most delicate throat  
I bring to you a new delight in smoking  
My name is "Embassy"

Always look for my name

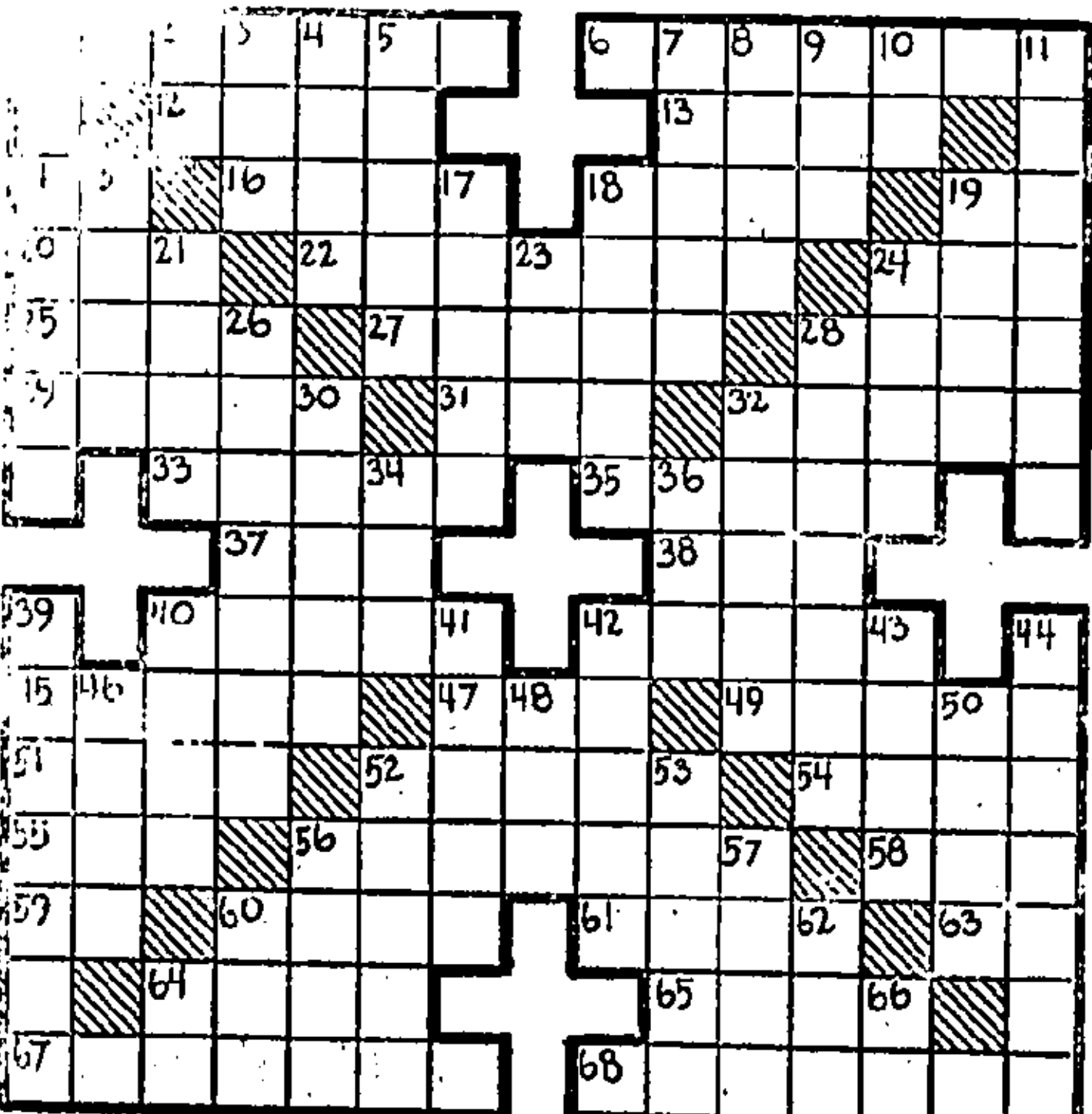
## POP — Marriage, 1932 Model.



By J. MILLAR WATT.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, piano, and alto.)



## HORIZONTAL.

- 1-Pagan
- 6-Tract of land  
surrounded by  
water (pl.)
- 12-Close by
- 13-Indites
- 14-Pronoun
- 15-Greek god of war
- 16-Greatest quantity
- 19-Towards
- 20-A chart
- 22-A pastry (pl.)
- 24-A textile fabric
- 25-Brother of Jacob  
(Bib.)
- 27-Drink to health of
- 28-Percolate
- 29-Roclines
- 31-Prefix. Before
- 32-Disgrace
- 33-Hoard
- 35-Soraped with a rake
- 37-Epoch
- 38-To strike gently
- 40-Fortified city in  
N. Italy
- 42-Refined ore
- 45-Removes the core of  
(abbr.)
- 47-Man's name
- 49-Rub out
- 51-A sudden invasion
- 53-A trap

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 54-A regulated course  
of eating
- 55-A poisonous snake
- 56-Making lace
- 58-To steep, as flax
- 59-A liquid measure  
(abbr.)
- 60-Nocturnal flying  
mammals
- 61-English school.
- 62-Mail (abbr.)
- 64-To cut off the  
skin of
- 65-Masculine name  
(abbr.)
- 67-Claims
- 68-Applied remedies to

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Slant
- 18-One who hoards
- 19-Abound
- 21-Go by
- 23-Swiss river
- 24-Peruse
- 26-Speak
- 28-One who attends  
sheep
- 30-Inflamed places on  
the skin
- 32-Flat-bodied fish
- 34-Moved rapidly
- 36-Consumed
- 38-Scatched
- 40-A journey
- 41-Tinges
- 42-Girl's name
- 43-Den
- 44-Deceased
- 46-A kiln for drying  
hops
- 48-A rodent
- 50-Appeal
- 52-Satisfied
- 53-Penetrates
- 55-A mountain lake
- 57-Departed
- 58-Sheep cry
- 59-Noah (Bib.)
- 61-Postmaster (abbr.)
- 63-A thoroughfare  
(abbr.)
- 65-Comfort

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in  
tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



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less magnificence  
— of a girl that is  
a child, grown into the  
poet of life — to struggle  
for the honor of her  
hand and the name of her  
unborn child."

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

### EASTER HOLIDAYS.

On Good Friday, March 25, Saturday, March 26 and Easter Monday, March 28, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

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	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

### INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.  
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, Feb. 25, and Parcels, Feb. 18).....Rawalpindi

THURSDAY, MARCH 24.  
Shanghai and Swatow.....Kaying

FRIDAY, MARCH 25.  
Japan.....Atsuta Maru

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 5).....President Madison

Japan and Shanghai.....Rajputana

MONDAY, MARCH 28.  
Manila.....President Wilson

TUESDAY, MARCH 29.  
Saigon.....Georges Philippart

Shanghai and Japan.....Felix Roussel

### OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.

Amoy	Tai Yuan	8.30 p.m.
Rabaul	Bremerhaven	4 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi	10.30 p.m.
Straits	Cremer	10.30 a.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa and S. American Ports	Santos Maru	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	King Yuan	8.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver, B.C.

Empress of Asia  
(Due Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 11.)  
Parcels.....Mar. 24, 5 p.m.  
Registration.....Mar. 25, 5.15 a.m.  
Letters.....10 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25.

Bangkok via Swatow	Mul Nam	10 a.m.
Hobow and Pakhoi	Kingchow	10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Niao	10 a.m.

\*Registered correspondence only

## GOTHE CENTENARY CELEBRATED.

Sir John Simon's Appreciation.

### "OLYMPIAN FIGURE."

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Minister for Education, Sir Donald Maclean, presided at the Government luncheon, held in the House of Commons to-day in connection with the Goethe Centenary celebrations.

Among the guests were, Herr Trevisan, the German Minister of Communications and Transport. At further celebrations which were held to-night, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, also paid tribute to the "Memory of an Olympian figure who not only belongs to Germany, but who stands for all time as a great citizen of the world."

Sir John described Goethe as the precursor of the spirit of international tolerance, so much needed to-day, and declared that there was no country other than his own country, where Goethe's name was held in higher reverence than in Britain.—British Wireless Service.

## ALL MOTOR BUSES MOBILISED.

Situation on Eastern Line is Critical.

### MINOR ENGAGEMENTS.

Harbin, To-day.  
As the Japanese cannot arrange transport for their troops by railway on the Eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, they are mobilising all motor-buses.

It is reported that the situation on the Eastern line is critical. Several minor engagements have taken place in the vicinity of Imienpo and Hengtaohotge.—Reuter.

## ALL-INDIA MOSLEM CONFERENCE.

"Direct Action" May Be Necessary.

### MOSLEM DEMANDS.

Lahore, Yesterday.  
Threat of "direct action" unless the Government accedes to Moslem demands by the end of June is contained in a resolution passed at the All-India Moslem Conference, which has now instructed a working committee to draw up a programme to be launched on July 8.—Reuter.

## JUNKERS AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

Now Financially Embarrassed.

Dussau, Yesterday.  
In spite of book assets exceeding liabilities by over M 10,000,000 the Junkers Aircraft Company is financially embarrassed, but it is

## SERIOUS FREE STATE COMMUNICATION.

Threat of Immediate and Terrible War.

### ANSWER TO-MORROW.

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons Mr. Thomas announced that he had received from the Irish Free State Commissioner a most important and serious document dealing with the Irish situation and he hoped to announce the contents of the document and the Government's answer to-morrow.

London, Later.  
In a statement to-day in which he advised Mr. J. H. Thomas as to the policy of his Government regarding the Oath of Allegiance, the High Commissioner of the Irish Free State in London says that the British Government must realise that real peace in Ireland is impossible as long as full and free representation of the people in their Parliament is rendered

### FINE TO CLOUDY.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory to-day states:—

A moderate anti-cyclone has developed over North China and South Manchuria.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.  
Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.14 inch.

Total since January 1, 4.69 inches, against an average of 5.24 inches.

Temperature.	
Hong Kong	62
Macao	61
Pratas Island	70
Manila	72
Foochow	58
Amoy	56
Swatow	57
Chefoo	85
Shanghai	45

impossible by a test of this character, in which his Government held that the Oath was not mandatory in the Treaty.

They had not the absolute right to modify the Constitution as the people desired, and anything affecting the Constitution belonged to internal sovereignty and was purely a domestic matter. The people regarded the Oath as an intolerable burden and a relic of medievalism. It is a test imposed from outside and subject to a threat of immediate and terrible war.

London, Later.  
There is little doubt that an emergency debate will be secured to-morrow on the subject of the Free State communication. The Cabinet is considering the situation in the morning, after which Mr. Thomas will make a statement in the House of Commons. The Conservatives are demanding that any loss of land anticipated that the Reich Government will come to the rescue as it has millions invested in junkers.—Reuter.

## SHAUKIWAN ROAD MOTOR SPILL.

Sudden Swerve That Driver Fails to Explain.

### FOUR PERSONS INJURED.

A motor accident occurred on the Shaukiwian Road at 8.45 a.m. yesterday. A motor lorry, loaded with fish and seven passengers, overturned in the middle of the road. As a result of the spill four persons—Tsang Tai (26), Ho Teze-wing (32), Cho Sun (35), and Lo Ming (20)—were injured and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In his report to the Police, the driver, Woo Shan, stated he was driving to town from Shaukiwian. When between the East and West gates of the Talkoo Dockyard, the lorry swerved suddenly to the right, and he was unable to explain the reason. This caused the lorry to topple over on its side. The lorry was owned by the Hang Kee Motor Transportation Company.

The four persons taken to hospital are believed to be not seriously hurt. One of them, Lo Ming was allowed to proceed home, after receiving treatment.

## OPIUM SMUGGLER CAUGHT.

Emigrant Fined \$600.

Searchers on the waterfront yesterday, arrested a Chinese, stated to be an emigrant to the Ocean Islands. They searched his basket and discovered two clogs, one of which, on examination, was found to contain cement, and the other about 8 taels of illicit opium.

The man was brought before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when he pleaded guilty and was fined \$600 or four months, in default, R. O. Ward prosecuted.

## AN APPLICATION DISMISSED.

Chan Kwok-sze who was sentenced to four months' hard labour on March 12 last, on a charge of the embezzlement of \$1,451.18 from the Wong Young Import and Export firm during August and January, made another appearance before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning.

His Worship explained to the defendant that on March 18, Mr. Horace Lo made an application for a revision of the sentence, on the ground that certain alleged facts had not been divulged. The application was granted, but this morning, his Worship received a letter from the solicitor, stating that he had received no further instructions to act on defendant's behalf.

Defendant (from the dock)—I don't know anything about that. His Worship—All right, application dismissed, sentence confirmed.

quities and revenue be recouped by an immediate tariff on Irish produce and livestock of which Britain takes 90 per cent. of the Free State's output.—Reuter.

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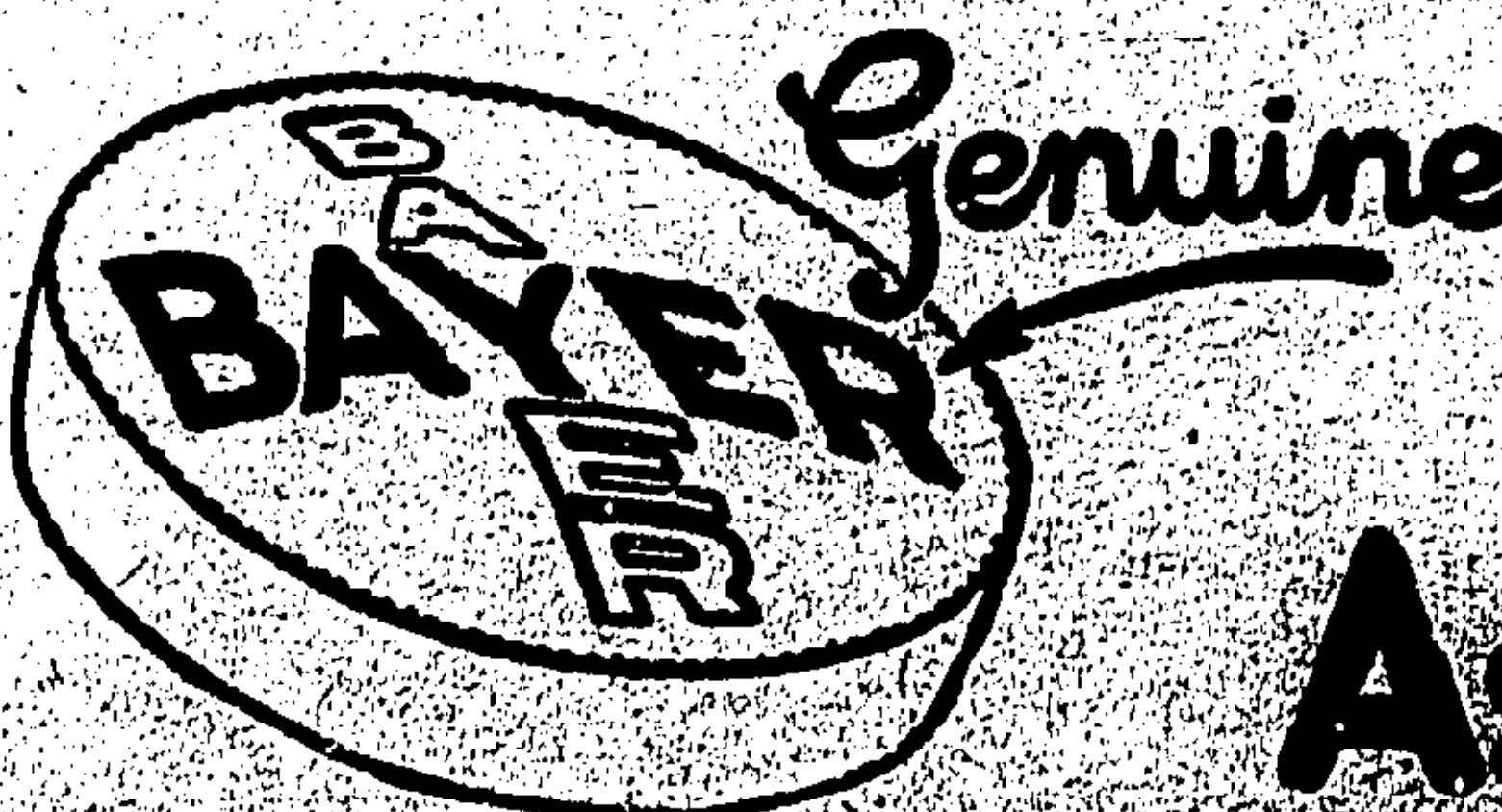
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